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PALESTINE AND TRANS-JORDAN

ESTIMATES AND FINANCE, 1935-36

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Palestine

75005/35 [No. 11]. No. 1.

PALESTINE.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

to

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 11th March, 1935.)

(Confidential.)

SIR, Jerusalem, 2nd March, 1935.

I have the honour to refer to the draft Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the Palestine Government for the financial year 1935-36, copies of which were forwarded to you under cover of the Acting Chief Secretary's Note No. F/74/34 of the 16th February*, and to transmit for your information copies of—

(i) a memorandum by the Treasurer upon the draft Estimates of Revenue†; and

(ii) a memorandum explaining in detail the more important items of expenditure under the various Heads of Estimates†.

2. The abstracts of Revenue and Expenditure show that the revised estimated Revenue for the current year is £P.5,212,500, as compared with the original estimate of £P.3,482,685; that the revised Estimated Expenditure is £P.3,228,253, as compared with the original estimate of £P.3,249,658; and that in consequence the revised estimate of the surplus of Revenue over Expenditure for the current year is £P.1,984,247, as compared with an original estimate of £P.232,997.

3. The revised estimate of the surplus at the 31st March next is, therefore, £P.4,495,179, as under:—

	£P.	£P.
Actual surplus at the 31st March, 1934		2,510,932
Revised estimated Revenue for 1934-35	5,212,500	
Revised estimated Expenditure for 1934-35 ...	3,228,253	1,984,247
Revised estimated surplus at the 31st March, 1935		4,495,179

4. In paragraph 4 of his memorandum the Treasurer enumerates the chief increase in the revised estimated Revenue for the current year; and in paragraph 5 the principal factors accounting for these increases are explained. The difference between the original and revised estimate is in the neighbourhood of one and three-quarter million. This extraordinary difference is fully accounted for by the fact that development during the year has been vastly in excess of even the most speculative forecast. The original predictions of Revenue in December, 1933, were in the circumstances at that time existing and from the indications available as to economic trends, reasonably sanguine.

5. As regards the revised estimates of Expenditure for the current year, the saving which is anticipated on the original figures is mainly due to delay in the construction of married quarters for the Defence Forces and in the carrying out of various Works Services, and to normal underspending on recurrent Votes.

* 75005 [No. 5]: not printed. † Not reprinted.

6. Actually, the continuing processes described in the two preceding paragraphs of this despatch have led to the result that, already, the Treasurer's latest estimate of the estimated surplus of Revenue over Expenditure for the current year has risen to approximately £P.2,100,000, compared with the figure of £P.1,984,000 mentioned in paragraph 2.

7. The draft Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 1935–36 show a total Revenue of £P.5,560,740 and a total Expenditure of £P.4,619,584, and thus a surplus of £P.941,156 for the year. If the reductions of taxation elsewhere recommended are approved, the estimated Revenue for 1935–36 will be diminished by £P.183,000 to £P.5,378,000 and the estimated surplus will then become £P.758,000.

8. I share the opinion expressed by the Treasurer in paragraphs 15 and 16 of his memorandum as to the conditions likely to prevail during the forthcoming year, and I regard his estimate of Revenue as conservative in the light of these conditions and of the revised estimate of Revenue for the current year which is only £P.348,240 less. Indeed, it is by no means improbable that an even higher level of general development will be attained; and so, while I agree with the Treasurer that revenue should be estimated conservatively in relation to future expansion so far as that can be prudently foreseen, I should not be surprised if the estimated Revenue were substantially exceeded. I am impressed in particular by the confidence in local enterprise displayed by the over-subscription of the recent public issue of shares by the Palestine Electric Corporation and by local investment generally in industry. While earnings from such investments may not be appreciable during the next year or two and the products of such industries may largely displace imported products, there is a distinct possibility of the ultimate growth of a substantial export trade in the manufactures of certain of the larger local enterprises. In view of the increased number of workers who will consequently be employed in local industry and the increased demand resulting therefrom for certain imported commodities of which the local production is unlikely and from which the bulk of the Customs receipts is derived, I think there is little danger of the Customs revenue declining to any appreciable extent in the near future. I should, perhaps, except the case of cement of which large importations are temporarily necessary at a high protective tariff pending the extension of the local factory and the commencement of production by a second factory which is now planned; and also wheat and flour of which, owing to the shortage of local crops, large importations have been required in recent years, again at a relatively high protective tariff.

9. I am satisfied that, taking all relevant considerations into account, the estimates of Expenditure have been framed without extravagance, and that due proportion is kept between recurrent, special and extraordinary expenditure. Provision must be made for the extension of services to meet the legitimate demands of a population increasing in numbers at an exceptionally high rate; increasingly anxious for assistance, counsel, and treatment from Government in matters of health, education, and agriculture; and ever extending its use of the posts, railways, roads, and harbours of the country.

Recurrent items, particularly where extension is proposed, must be supplemented by special expenditure, and the reasons given in justification of extended recurrent services constitute equal warrant for embarking upon a larger programme of extraordinary works. Yet it will be seen from the detailed explanation in the Treasurer's memorandum that it will be possible, without surpassing the mark set by what are termed the normal revenues of Palestine, to enlarge considerably the Votes for recurrent, special and extraordinary services, not excluding commitments in future years entailed by present increases in the expenditure on recurrent services. So far from that, expenditure in 1935–36 is confidently gauged to fall so safely within the bounds of revenue as to add further to the surplus balances of Government, and thus ensure the setting aside of a substantial Reserve, and the execution of the important works, and the discharge of other obligations, listed in the final paragraph of the Treasurer's memorandum.

I am convinced that the Government of Palestine is on a secure economic basis, and even should a set-back occur the Government will not be obliged to diminish essential services. As the Treasurer explains if any set-back did occur, there would be an automatic reduction of revenue-collecting establishments and of temporary services and grants. Consequently with funds available over and above what is required for recurrent and special needs and an adequate Reserve, I am particularly anxious to carry out a number of capital works and improvements which are long overdue, and most of which are of a productive nature or will help in the economic development of the country.

10. The provision in the draft Estimates of Expenditure for 1935–36 as compared with that in the approved Estimates for 1934–35 is summarized as under:—

	Approved Estimates 1934–35. £P.	*Draft Estimates 1935–36.* £P.
(*a*) Net deficit in self-balancing Departments: Posts and Telegraphs (excluding Works services) and Railways	91,356	178,472
(*b*) Debt Charges	127,199	187,058
(*c*) Defence and Police and Prisons (after deducting grant for Trans-Jordan Frontier Force)	748,858	766,793
(*d*) Administration, Legal, Justice, Customs, Pensions and Miscellaneous	800,775	1,100,178
(*e*) Health, Education and Agriculture	517,671	636,399
(*f*) Public Works	551,306	1,253,384
	£P.2,837,165	£P.4,122,284

It should be explained that the net deficit in self-balancing Departments is larger by reason of the fact that provision is made in 1935–36 for capital expenditure of these Departments totalling £P.239,822. The increase under Defence, including Police services, is accounted for by the increase of £P.37,335 in the Police Vote of which £P.8,990 is on account of special expenditure. The higher debt charges are the consequence of the raising of a new Loan for £P.2,000,000. The increase in respect of item (*d*) is mainly in respect of the following:—

	Increase (approx.) £P.
Head IV Secretariat:	
Printing and Stationery (for new Government Press less provision in 1934–35 of £P.15,000 under Head XXV Miscellaneous)	10,000
Head V District Administration:	
Remuneration of Mukhtars	25,000
Head X Customs:	
(including £P.42,000 for porterage, counterbalanced by Revenue)	67,000
Head XXV Miscellaneous:	
Housing Allowance (as already approved)	13,000
Passages (Plymouth Report)	10,000
Grants to Municipalities	55,000
Cost of Living Allowance (restoration to 1931 level) ...	52,000
	£P.232,000

Under item (*e*) the increase is approximately £P.118,728 of which £P.38,113 is for special non-recurrent expenditure and £P.80,615 is for ordinary recurrent expenditure. Of the remaining increase of £P.80,615, Health accounts for £P.27,003, Education for £P.16,351, Agriculture for £P.37,261, or £P.80,600 in all. It is not necessary for me again to justify the additional expenditure on these three vital services.

Nor do I think it necessary to elaborate the arguments in favour of the largely-increased expenditure on extraordinary works: the detailed justification in each case, as indeed in respect of every item of increased or new expenditure under recurrent and special sub-heads is contained in the memorandum on Expenditure which has been compiled with particular care and at considerable length so as to present in self-contained form a comprehensive and complete explanation of the Estimates now submitted.

I invite particular attention, also, to the lucid summary in paragraph 21 of the Treasurer's memorandum on Revenue of the estimated financial position at the 31st March, 1936, and of the proposed allocation of the estimated surplus at that date.

11. I trust, therefore, that I may receive as soon as possible your sanction of my proposals.

I have, &c.,

A. G. WAUCHOPE,

High Commissioner for Palestine.

75005/35 [No. 15].

No. 2.

PALESTINE ESTIMATES, 1935-36.

COLONIAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

EXPENDITURE.

Head II.—Public Debt and Loan Charges.

(b) Proposed Palestine Government 3 per cent Guaranteed Loan.

Items 4 and 5, interest on loan and management charges.—It is for consideration whether it would not be advisable to omit this item from the Estimates since it is possible that the Estimates may be published before the loan is issued. Provision can be made for these charges by Special Warrant when required.

Head IV.—Secretariat.

Civil Aviation.

Items 49 and 50, Clerical Assistance, Transport and Travelling, etc.—It will be observed from paragraph 20 of Enclosure III* that the amounts provided are tentative, and that firmer estimates will be furnished in due course.

Printing and Stationery.

Items 67 90, 95, 96, 102. New Government Printing Press.—It is explained in paragraph 22 of Enclosure III that a separate despatch will be sent regarding the estimates of the cost of operating the new Press.

Head V.—District Administration.

Item 8, three additional appointments of District Officer.—The despatch referred to in paragraph 25 of Enclosure III has not yet been received, but see Colonial Office letter of 23rd of March, 1935†.

Item 14, Tax Collectors, reduction of £1,420.

Item 15, Seizure Officers, new provision of £4,488.

Item 27, Clothing (part).

Item 30, Remuneration of Mukhtars, increase of £25,312.

In connexion with the operation of the new Rural Property Tax, the High Commissioner has suggested that the tax should be collected by the mukhtars (village headmen), assisted by Seizure Officers; and that the salaries of mukhtars should be increased, partly on general grounds and partly on the ground of the additional responsibility involved in the collection of Rural Property Tax. Under this scheme the services of rural tax collectors would be retained until the end of 1935 for the purpose of collecting arrears of house and land tax, and of providing assistance and guidance to the mukhtars during the initial period of their new duties.

The Secretary of State is not yet satisfied that mukhtars are competent to collect the new tax, and he is communicating on the subject with the High Commissioner. He agrees that it is desirable, in any case, to increase the remuneration of mukhtars, but, should it be decided not be entrust to them the collection of rural property tax, it will probably be possible to reduce the sum provided for increase of emoluments under item 30.

Head VI.—Legal Department.

Item 3, Legal Draftsman.—On the regrading of this post provision is made for a consolidated salary of £650 a year, but in order to obtain a suitable candidate it may be necessary to offer salary on an incremental scale.

Head VII.—Judicial Department.

Items 19-22, New appointments of Chief Registrar and four Registrars.—The present system whereby the work of Palestinian Magistrates is supervised by the British Magistrates and Presidents of District Courts has not proved satisfactory. In order to secure adequate supervision, and to improve at the same time the administrative machinery of the Courts, the High Commissioner has recommended the creation of a staff of Registrars. The Secretary of State concurs with this recommendation which has the support of his legal advisers.

Head VIII.—Treasury.

Item 5, Senior Assistant Treasurers, increase of one appointment.—It is explained in paragraph 67 of Enclosure III that the intention is that a senior accounting officer from another Dependency should be seconded to Palestine for a period of two years for the purpose of reorganizing the accounting system in the Palestine Treasury.

* Enclosure 3 in 75005/35 [No. 11]: not printed.

† 75163/1/35 [No. 12]: not printed.

The Secretary of State has asked the High Commissioner to consider whether the requirements of the situation would not be met by an arrangement whereby an experienced Colonial Auditor would visit the territory for a few months to investigate the existing system and to make recommendations for reorganization.

Head IX.—Audit Department.

Item 5, Assistant Auditor, new appointment.

Item 11, Officers of the General Clerical Service, four additional appointments.

These appointments were approved by the Secretary of State in 1934, as a result of representations made by the High Commissioner regarding the pressing need for increasing the staff of the Audit Department. The special scale approved for the new appointment of Assistant Auditor, after consultation with the Director of Colonial Audit, is £425 by £25 to £700, and not £300 by £25 to £800 as shown in the draft Estimates.

Municipal Audit.

Items 15 and 16, Assistant Municipal Auditor, new appointment, and six new appointments in the General Clerical Service.

Items 23-26, Other charges.

The new Municipal Corporations Ordinance, enacted in 1934, provides for the audit of accounts of Municipal Corporations by a Municipal Auditor to be appointed by the High Commissioner. The Secretary of State has approved an arrangement whereby an officer of the Audit Department of the Palestine Government will be appointed Assistant Municipal Auditor and will be responsible for the audit of these accounts under the supervision of the Senior Assistant Auditor who will be appointed Municipal Auditor, but will not receive any special allowance, at any rate for the present.

Head X.—Customs Excise and Trade.

Item 100, purchase of a water barge.—The despatch referred to in paragraph 93 of Enclosure III has not yet been received.

Head XI.—Department of Health.

Items 13, 22, 27, 31, 40, 43, 46, 54, 62, 103, 105, 109 112, 123 (all in part only).

Items 134, 135 and 151 (the whole), in connexion with the proposals for a Tuberculosis Sanatorium and for District and Dispensary services for tuberculosis treatment.

Paragraphs 119 to 122 of Enclosure III explain these items. Pending consideration of the final report of the Tuberculosis Expert, provision has been made on the basis of the scheme submitted in 1934; the figures are provisional.

Item 126, Grant to Trans-Jordan Government.—The despatch referred to in paragraph 126 of Enclosure III has not yet been received.

Head XII.—Department of Education.

Item 58, Grant-in-Aid to Schools of the Vaad Leumi.—The method by which the amount of the grant is calculated is indicated in paragraph 169 of Enclosure III. An explanatory despatch is awaited.

Items 59 (part), 70 (part), 72 (part), and 88, in connexion with the payment of Grants-in-Aid to Miss Mary Chapman's School for the Deaf and Dumb, Jerusalem.—The despatch referred to in paragraph 170 of Enclosure III has not yet been received.

Item 87, Grant for completion of Trade School for Oriental Jews.—A despatch has been received from the High Commissioner in which he explains that this School, which is under the control of the Committee for the Establishment of Institutions for Oriental Children, was recently opened for the children of Oriental (Yemenite) Jews.

It is serving a useful purpose in raising the general educational standard among the older children of the Yemenite Community, and particularly in providing systematized instruction in home industries, housewifery and domestic science for the girls of the community.

For the most part this community consists of needy families who are unable to provide from their own resources educational facilities for their children. They receive little assistance from the Vaad Leumi or the Jewish Agency, and a capital grant of £300 will enable the school to start in a new building free of debt. The grant will be subject to the conditions that the governing body will give an assurance to maintain the school during a minimum period of five years, and that the contract of lease between the institution and the Jewish National Fund, the legal owner of the school property, shall contain a clause to the effect that the building shall be used solely for educational purposes, or other approved objects, during a reasonably long period (say twenty years).

Head XIII.—Department of Agriculture and Forests.

Fisheries Service.

Items 66, 71, 136 (part), 140 (part), 190, 259, 260.—It is explained in paragraphs 239 to 243 of Enclosure III that the provision for establishing an effective Fisheries Service is inserted on the recommendation of Mr. J. Hornell, F.L.S., F.R.I., who recently carried out a survey of the fisheries of Palestine.

Mr. Hornell's report is at present being printed, and, pending consideration of his recommendations, the items in question should be regarded as provisional.

Forestry Service.

Items 74, 77, 83, 136 (part), 138 (part), and 169.—The details of the increased expenditure due to the new afforestation scheme are set out in paragraphs 251 and 252 of Enclosure III. A despatch has been received from the High Commissioner outlining a scheme for the employment of the personnel and activities of the Forestry Service over a period of five years beginning with the year 1935-36. These proposals are still under consideration.

Special Expenditure.

Item 247, Grant towards planting the Mount of Olives with olive trees.—The Secretary of State is in correspondence with the High Commissioner regarding this proposal.

He is in sympathy with the object in view but he is not satisfied that there is adequate security for the future preservation of trees planted at Government expense on land in private ownership. The High Commissioner has been asked for further information.

Head XVIII.—Department of Migration.

Item 30, Consular expenses on administration of deposit system.—Under the immigration law of Palestine certain classes of travellers are required to deposit a sum of money as a guarantee that they will leave the country within the stipulated period. In certain cases this deposit is taken by British Consular Officers as a condition of the grant of a traveller's visa, and is recovered from the Consular Officer on the traveller's return from Palestine. The Palestine Government has undertaken to defray the petty expenses incurred by Consular Officers in connexion with the management of these deposits.

Head XX.—Trans-Jordan Frontier Force.

These estimates have been approved in Treasury letter S.35961/06/35 of the 9th of March*, subject to a reduction of £470.

Head XXI.—Defence.

The provision under this Head should be £157,500, as determined in the correspondence ending with Treasury letter No. S.28724/5 of the 23rd (?28th) of February, 1935†.

Head XXII.—Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

Item 109, Renewals Fund.—The despatch promised in paragraph 457 of Enclosure III has not yet been received.

Head XXIII.—Public Works Department.

Items 51-54, additional staff for building programme.—The despatch referred to in paragraph 500 of Enclosure III has not yet been received.

Head XXIV.—Public Works Recurrent.

Item 9, Rent of Offices and Quarters.—It will be observed that of the increase of £30,000 in this provision £24,000 is due to the fact that the first day of each of the Hejira years 1354 and 1355 falls within the Government financial year.

Head XXV.—Miscellaneous.

Item 6, Passages.—The despatch referred to in paragraph 512 of Enclosure III has not yet been received, but the basis upon which the provision under this sub-head has been increased is in accordance with the general recommendations of the Committee appointed by the Secretary of State to review the position regarding the leave and passage conditions in the various Colonial Dependencies.

Item 14, Grants to Municipalities.—A general explanation of the increased provision under this sub-head is given in paragraph 516 of Enclosure III. A despatch on the subject has now been received, and is under consideration.

* No. 19.

† 75005/2/35 [No. 11]: not printed.

Item 28, Cost of Living Allowances.—It is explained in paragraph 523 of Enclosure III that provision is made for the payment of this allowance in full, involving the restoration of the 50 per cent reduction made, on financial grounds, in 1931, and that this sub-head contains the provision for all departments except the Railways, the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, and the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force.

This proposal will be examined when the despatch which is promised by the High Commissioner has been received.

Head XXVII.—Public Works Extraordinary.

Item 47, Government Hospital, Haifa.—The position regarding this item is set out in the second part of paragraph 545 of Enclosure III. A separate despatch on the subject is awaited.

Item 78, Post Office, Haifa, Telephone Exchange.—The position is explained in paragraph 556 of Enclosure III where a separate despatch is promised. The proposal to construct a new Post Office at Haifa was mentioned in the correspondence regarding the construction of a new railway station, ending with Treasury letter No. S.31061/6 of the 15th of February, 1935*.

Items 85-114, Construction of Roads and Bridges.—The despatch referred to in paragraph 557 of Enclosure III has not yet been received.

Item 123, Airports (Lydda and Haifa).—Detailed proposals for the development of the airport sites at Lydda and Haifa which were recently purchased with Treasury approval (see Treasury letter No. 35956/05/34 of the 22nd of February†) have not yet been submitted. The matter is under the consideration of the Director of Civil Aviation in Palestine and a further despatch is expected. In the meantime £150,000 has been inserted provisionally for this service.

75005/35 [No. 16]. No. 3.

PALESTINE DRAFT ESTIMATES, 1935-36.

EXPENDITURE.

LIST OF PROVISIONAL ITEMS.

Head IV.—Secretariat.

Civil Aviation.—Items 49 and 50: Clerical assistance, transport and travelling, etc.

Printing and Stationery.—Items 67-90, 95, 96, 102: Maintenance of the Government Printing Press.

Head V.—District Administration.

Item 14: Tax Collectors.

Items 15 and 27 (part): Seizure Officers, salaries and clothing.

Item 30: Remuneration of Mukhtars.

Head VI.—Legal Department.

Item 3: Legal Draftsmen: salary rate.

Head VIII.—Treasury.

Item 5: Additional appointment of Senior Assistant Treasurer: provision for secondment of an officer for reorganization purposes.

Head X.—Customs, Excise and Trade.

Item 100: Water barge.

Head XI.—Department of Health.

Items 13, 22, 27, 31, 40, 43, 46, 54, 62, 103, 105, 109-112, 123 (in part).

Items 134, 135, 151 (the whole),

Proposals for a Tuberculosis Sanatorium and District and Dispensary Services.

Item 126: Grant to Trans-Jordan Government.

Head XII.—Department of Education.

Item 58: Grant-in-aid to schools of the Vaad Leumi.

Items 59, 70, and 72 (in part) and 88: Grant to Miss Mary Chapman's school for the Deaf and Dumb, Jerusalem.

* 75070/35 [No. 7].

† 3003/16/35 [No. 12]: not printed.

Head XIII.—Department of Agriculture and Forests.

Fisheries Service.

Items 66–71, 136 (part), 140 (part), 190, 259, 260: Restoration of the Fisheries Service.

Items 74, 77, 83, 136 (part), 138 (part), 169: Increased provision in connexion with extended afforestation programme.

Item 247: Grant towards planting the Mount of Olives with olive trees.

Head XXII.—Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

Item 109: Renewals Fund.

Head XXIII.—Public Works Department.

Items 51–54: Additional staff for building programme.

Head XXV.—Miscellaneous.

Item 6: Passages, increase in provision.

Item 14: Grants to Municipalities.

Item 28: Cost of Living Allowances.

Head XXVII.—Public Works Extraordinary.

Item 47: Government Hospital, Haifa.

Item 78: Post Office, Haifa.

Items 85–114: Construction of roads and bridges.

Item 123: Air Ports (Lydda and Haifa).

75005/35 [No. 18]. No. 4.

COLONIAL OFFICE

to

TREASURY.

[Answered by No. 7.]

SIR, Downing Street, S.W.1, 2nd April, 1935.

I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, a copy of the draft Estimates* of Palestine for the financial year 1935–36 (Enclosure I), together with copies of an explanatory despatch† from the High Commissioner (Enclosure IV) and of printed explanatory memoranda‡ on revenue and expenditure (Enclosures II and III). References to previous correspondence with the Treasury regarding certain items of expenditure have been inserted in Enclosure III.

2. The Secretary of State regrets that owing to the late receipt of the draft Estimates and explanatory memoranda, it has not been possible for him to furnish their Lordships with his comments at an earlier date. The delay is due to the fact that, in view of the exceedingly favourable financial situation, the High Commissioner has found it necessary to review a large number of projects for new services and new works which have hitherto been postponed for lack of funds, and has found it necessary to subject these schemes to specially prolonged and careful scrutiny before submitting his final recommendation to the Secretary of State.

3. It is hoped that their Lordships' examination of the High Commissioner's proposals will be facilitated by the explanatory notes which appear in the draft Estimates and by the very exhaustive and careful memoranda on details of revenue and expenditure which have now been furnished by the Palestine Government and which, in the Secretary of State's opinion, reflect great credit on the officers responsible for their compilation. Additional comments on certain items of expenditure are contained in the enclosed memorandum§ (Enclosure V) which has been prepared in this Department.

4. Their Lordships will note that revenue has continued to increase beyond all expectation during the past financial year and that there are still no signs of an abatement of prosperity. In the circumstances, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister regards the optimistic tone of the High Commissioner's despatch as fully justified.

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* Enclosure 1 in 75005/35 [No. 5]: not reprinted.

‡ Enclosures 2 and 3 in No. 1: not reprinted.

† No. 1.

§ No. 2.

Briefly, the financial position may be summarized as follows:—

	£
Estimated surplus, balance at 31st March, 1934	2,204,666
Actual surplus at 31st March, 1934	2,510,932
Original estimate of revenue, 1934–35	3,482,685
Revised estimate of revenue, 1934–35	5,212,500
Original estimate of expenditure, 1934–35	3,249,658
Revised estimate of expenditure, 1934–35	3,228,253

	£	£
Estimated surplus at 31st March, 1935		4,495,179
Add estimated revenue, 1935–36:—		
(1) Ordinary	5,392,350	
(2) Colonial Development Fund Grants ...	20,190	
(3) Grant-in-aid: Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	148,200	
		5,560,740
		10,055,919
Less estimated expenditure, 1935–36:—		
(1) Ordinary	3,458,182	
(2) Extraordinary	1,079,809	
(3) Railways	81,593	
		4,619,584
Estimated surplus at 31st March, 1936		£5,436,335

5. It will be seen that revenue in 1934–35 exceeded the original estimate by £1,729,815. The chief increase was under the Head " Customs " (i.e., Import Duties), £1,000,000; but there was also a large increase (£230,000) in respect of Land Registration fees, and substantial increases accrued under all other Heads.

6. The estimate of revenue for 1935–36, £5,560,740, exceeds by £350,000 the revised estimate for 1934–35, and includes the following new items:—

	£
Oil Dock Dues	21,000
Porterage Fees (Haifa)	43,500
Repayment of loans for village water supplies	1,000
Broadcasting Licence Fees	4,000
Colonial Development Fund grants	20,190

7. The Treasurer explains and defends his estimate of revenue in detail in paragraphs 6 to 15 of Enclosure II. It will be seen that he has assumed (justifiably, in the Secretary of State's opinion) that the existing favourable conditions will continue throughout the year 1935–36, although revenue is not likely to increase at the same rate at hitherto, and that no serious decline of immigration or importation of capital is to be anticipated.

8. In the letter from this Department of 19th March*, the Secretary of State has requested their Lordships' early approval, in advance of a decision on the Estimates as a whole, of certain proposals which the High Commissioner has submitted for reducing taxation, as follows:—

		£
Import Duties and Excise Duty on tobacco		162,700
Reduction in rate of Urban Property Tax		(No decrease of revenue as compared with 1934–35)
Abolition of annual licence fees and driving fees for motor vehicles		20,000
		182.700
	Say	£183,000

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* 75130/35 [No. 1]: not printed.

If allowance is made for the proposed reductions of taxation, the estimate of revenue for 1935-36 will be reduced to £5,378,000, the surplus on the year's working in 1935-36 will be reduced from £941,000 to £758,000, and the estimated surplus at 31st March, 1936, will become £5,253,000. On the other hand, it will be seen from paragraph 6 of the High Commissioner's despatch of 2nd March that, since the Estimates were prepared, the estimated surplus of revenue over expenditure in 1934-35 has risen by over £100,000, which goes to swell the anticipated surplus at 31st March, 1936.

9. The Secretary of State has given careful consideration to the policy which the High Commissioner proposes to adopt in connexion with the disposal of the additional revenue which has become available during the past year and is anticipated to accrue in 1935-36. The amount at the disposal of the Palestine Government may be analysed as follows:—

	£
Surplus as at 31st March, 1934	2,511,000
Surplus on year's working, 1934-35	1,984,000
Estimated excess of revenue in 1935-36 over revised expenditure figure for 1934-35	2,311,000
	£6,806,000

The High Commissioner proposes to dispose of this sum as follows:—

	£
(i) To be placed in Reserve Fund	3,000,000
(ii) Liabilities, including working balance of £300,000	554,000
(iii) Reduction of taxation	183,000
(iv) Increase of recurrent expenditure, 1935-36	681,000
(v) Increase of extraordinary expenditure (Public Works and Posts and Telegraphs—1935-36)	689,000
(vi) Completion of Works to be begun in 1935-36, but without provision for completion of roads	379,000
(vii) Arrears of maintenance—Railways	120,000
(viii) Future works requirements—mainly Government Offices and Central Prison	389,000
(ix) Drainage work at Huleh outside concession area	171,000
	6,166,000
Unallocated	640,000
	£6,806,000

Item (v) above falls to be increased by two items of extraordinary expenditure which have not been included in the draft Estimates but have since been submitted for approval by the High Commissioner. Those items, which have formed the subject of separate correspondence, are as follows:—

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New citrus shed at Haifa (Treasury letter No. S.31061/6 of the 18th March*)	10,000
Additional rolling stock for Railways (Colonial Office letter of the 18th March†)	25,200
	£35,200

In addition, the provision under Head XXI, Defence, Item 1, must be increased by £3,000 from £154,500 to £157,500. (See Treasury letter No. S.28724/5 of 28th February, 1935‡).

On the other hand, it has already been noted in paragraph 8 above that the estimated surplus of revenue over expenditure in 1934-35 has risen by over £100,000 since the draft Estimates were prepared.

10. The Secretary of State has not overlooked the possibility that difficulties may arise in the citrus industry if production should outstrip demand in the next few years, and that the present artificial rise in the price of land is an unhealthy development which

* 75058/35 [No. 25]: not printed. † 75109/3/35 [No. 5]: not printed.
‡ 75005/2/35 [No. 11]: not printed.

it may not be possible to rectify without causing loss to certain classes of the community; but he can see no reason to anticipate any catastrophic or lasting collapse of Palestine's economic and financial position, and he considers that the Palestine Government, in framing its financial policy, has made adequate provision for the contingency of a temporary and partial reversal of fortune. Against risks on the citrus crop must be set the remarkable industrial development which is going forward at Haifa and elsewhere, and the export which Jews migrating from Germany and Eastern Europe maintain and extend through their age-long trading connexions round the Mediterranean and in the East.

11. In this connexion, I am to invite particular attention to the analysis of the revenue position and the outline of future expenditure which is contained in paragraphs 15 to 21 of Enclosure II. In connexion with the draft Estimates for the current year the Treasurer of Palestine expressed the view that a figure of £3,000,000 would be a reasonable estimate of " normal revenue ". After further consideration, and in the light of the great increase that has taken place in the population and wealth of the country during the past twelve months, the Treasurer now estimates " normal revenue " at £3,800,000, a figure which is less than £1,500,000 in excess of the actual revenue for 1931, since which date the Jewish population has increased by approximately 125,000 and the population of other communities by 65,000. The Secretary of State regards the Treasurer's assumption as reasonable.

12. The estimate of recurrent expenditure in 1935-36 (which it may be noted includes provision for interest charges on the projected £2,000,000 Loan), together with consequential commitments and a normal programme of special and extraordinary expenditure, has been kept well within the estimated " normal revenue " of £3,800,000. If, then, after the year 1935-36, revenue should fall by as much as £1,800,000 it would not be necessary to curtail recurrent expenditure or the normal programme (£250,000) of capital works, or to have recourse to the Reserve Fund. Were revenue to decrease by a further £400,000, say by £2,200,000 in all, the Reserve Fund (which is available in case of necessity for meeting charges in respect of public debt and pensions) could be called upon at the rate of approximately £400,000 a year over a period of some seven years during which it would not be necessary to curtail recurrent expenditure on essential services. This extreme case is put as a hypothetical contingency, which there is no reason to suppose will eventuate.

13. The foregoing paragraph deliberately sets out the worst possible results which might conceivably occur in a normal country; but experience shows with cumulative force that the ordinary criteria do not apply in Palestine. Not only are there the great financial resources continuously devoted to the endowment and development of the Jewish National Home, reinforced to-day by large contributions from South Africa; but individual Jews with capital and industrial experience are increasingly gravitating to Palestine. The subsidized settler is being reinforced by the individual capitalist.

14. Moreover, during a period of depression there would, as the Treasurer observes, be an automatic reduction of expenditure under such Heads as Railways, Posts and Telegraphs, Customs and other revenue-collecting establishments; and in this connexion it may be noted that a large part of the proposed new expenditure on " Personal Emoluments " relates to temporary and non-pensionable appointments, thus affording scope for retrenchment.

15. The Secretary of State is therefore satisfied that the financial position of Palestine is amply safeguarded under the High Commissioner's proposals, even in the event of a depression involving a decrease of over £2,000,000 in revenue and extending over a period of seven years, a contingency which he sees no grounds to apprehend. He strongly supports the High Commissioner's proposal to place £3,000,000 in the Reserve Fund during the forthcoming financial year, and, after allowing for the proposed reduction of taxation (£183,000), to devote the remainder of the surplus funds which are not required for the working balance and other inescapable commitments to the increases of recurrent and extraordinary expenditure which are shown in the draft Estimates and, subject to careful examination of each proposal, to the urgent capital works which are indicated under (vii), (viii) and (ix) in paragraph 9. In this connexion, it will be noted that the unallocated balance of £640,000 at the end of the year 1935-36 will probably be insufficient to meet the cost of the contemplated further extension of Haifa Harbour which has been roughly estimated at £800,000, and of further railway improvements the necessity for which is anticipated; for example, the diversion of the railway in the neighbourhood of Tel-Aviv, a proposal on which no decision has yet been taken and for which no estimate is available.

As their Lordships are aware, it is not intended to impose any maximum limit on the amount of the Reserve Fund, which will no doubt be increased beyond £3,000,000, as opportunity offers, in view of the increase in annual revenue and expenditure.

16. The details of the new expenditure proposed have been carefully examined in this Department and are regarded as fully justified for the reasons given in the case of each item, and, in general, as by no means excessive in relation to the rapid increase in the numbers of the population and in the demand of that population for the expansion of economic and social services which have in certain directions been restricted in the past for financial reasons. In the case of certain new items, which are shown on the enclosed list (Enclosure VI*), separate explanatory despatches have been promised by the High Commissioner, and the Secretary of State will defer final approval of these items until those despatches have been received and considered.

17. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister trusts that he may receive at an early date their Lordships' approval of the draft Estimates as submitted by the High Commissioner, subject to the addition of the two items of expenditure and the increase under Head XXI, Item 1, which have been noted in paragraph 9 above, and on the understanding that expenditure involved in the enclosed list of provisional items will not be approved pending consideration of the explanatory despatches which are awaited.

18. I am to add that the Secretary of State is fully satisfied that, after a sum of £3,000,000 (which he does not regard as excessive) has been placed in the Reserve Fund, the prospective requirements of Palestine in connexion with extraordinary capital works will absorb such surplus revenue as is in sight or is likely to accrue in the near future. He considers, therefore, that no useful purpose would be served by delaying the issue of the £2,000,000 loan, the guarantee of which has been approved by Parliament, and he will be glad if their Lordships will consider the desirability of arranging for the issue of this loan at the earliest convenient opportunity. In the letter from this Department of 28th July, 1934†, their Lordships were informed that the Secretary of State concurred with Sir Arthur Wauchope's recommendation that the loan of £2,000,000 should be issued as a whole and not by instalments and he sees no reason to depart from this view. In this connexion, I am to observe that in response to local representations arrangements have recently been devised, in consultation with the Treasury and the Bank of England, for facilitating subscription to the loan by residents in Palestine, and that for this purpose the issue of the loan in one sum appears likely to save inconvenience.

I am, &c.,

O. G. R. WILLIAMS.

75005/35 [No. 31]. No. 5.

PALESTINE.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Sent 8 p.m., 21st June, 1935.)

TELEGRAM.

No. 196. Confidential. My despatch of 4th April, confidential (2)‡. Draft Estimates approved subject to amendments necessary as result of decisions taken since Estimates were drafted and subject to following provisos:—

(A) Following items are excepted from approval for the present:—

(1) Items regarding which further despatches from you are awaited, viz.—

Head V, Items 14, 15, 27 (part) and 30.
Head VIII, Item 5.
Head XI, Item 126.
Head XII, Items 59, 70, 72 (part) and 88.
Head XIII, Item 247.
Head XXIII, Items 51, 53, 54.
Head XXVII, Items 47, 78.

* No. 3. † 37464/34 [No. 14]: not printed. ‡ 75005/35 [No. 19]: not printed.

(2) Following still under consideration:—

(*a*) Head XII. Education.—All items relating to proposals for further expansion of rural education except female teachers' training centre. (See my telegram No. 183*).

(*b*) Head XIII. Agriculture and Forests.—Total amount of provision is under discussion and approval of this Head must be deferred.

(*c*) Head XXII. Item 109. Renewals Fund.

(*d*) Head XXV. Item 28 and item under other Heads relating to restoration of full cost of living allowance.

(*e*) Head XXV. Item 6. Passages.

Decisions on all these items will be telegraphed as soon as possible.

(B) As regards Head XI, Health, it is understood that you will communicate further before incurring expenditure in connexion with tuberculosis sanatorium and district and dispensary services after considering Maclennan's report.

(C) As regards Civil Aviation, Head IV, Items 49 and 50, and Head XXVII, Item 123, I understand that you will continue to submit proposals for expenditure as required.

(D) Head II. Items 4 and 5. Approval suspended pending decision as to issue of loan.

75005/35 [No. 34]. No. 6.

PALESTINE.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Sent 6.15 p.m., 28th June, 1935.)

TELEGRAM.

No. 206. Confidential. My telegram No. 196†.

(1) Provision under Head XIII. Agriculture and Forests now approved subject to reservation of following items which are still under consideration:—

(*a*) Items 66 to 72 and any other items relating to Fisheries Service.

(*b*) Items relating to extended afforestation scheme still under consideration with exception of appointment of Assistant Conservator, Item 74, for which selection of candidate is proceeding.

Decision on reserved items will be telegraphed as soon as possible.

(2) Head XXV. Item 28 and other items relating to restoration of full cost of living allowance approved.

75005/35 [No. 39]. No. 7.

TREASURY

to

COLONIAL OFFICE.

[*Answered by Nos. 8 and 11.*]

(S.35956/01/35.)

SIR, Treasury Chambers, 2nd August, 1935.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have had before Them Mr. Williams' letter of the 2nd April‡ enclosing the draft Estimates for Palestine for the year 1935-36, and I am to request you to convey to the Secretary of State for the Colonies the following reply.

* 75029/35 [No. 14]: not printed. † No. 5. ‡ No. 4.

GENERAL.

2. My Lords note that the revenue continued to increase beyond all expectations during the past financial year, the revised Estimates for the year being £5,212,500 as compared with the original Estimate of £3,482,685. Expenditure for the year 1934-5 was estimated at £3,228,253 and the surplus on the year's working at £1,984,000. Later figures however show that the realized surplus for the year was approximately £2,237,000. This figure, together with the actual surplus at 31st March, 1934, makes a total surplus of £4,747,000.

3. For the current financial year revenue is estimated at £5,560,740, before allowing for certain reductions in taxation, and expenditure at £4,619,584. Of this last amount, £1,079,809 represents extraordinary expenditure.

REVENUE.

4. Dealing first with the revenue, My Lords have already authorized the following reductions in taxation:—

Import Duties and Excise Duty on tobacco ...	£162,700
A reduction in the rate of urban property tax—(No decrease of revenue as compared with 1934-35).	

5. The proposals for the abolition of annual licence fees and driving fees for motor vehicles have been the subject of separate correspondence. In Treasury Letter of the 31st May (S.36545/2*) My Lords agreed to the revised scheme for registration and licensing of motor vehicles and motor drivers. The estimated net revenue under the revised scheme is £44,000 as compared with the original estimate of £40,000 if the former scale had been maintained. In effect, therefore, the total reduction of revenue due to alteration in taxation amounts to £158,700. Subject to these modifications, My Lords approve the estimate of revenue.

6. My Lords note that the Treasurer of Palestine has expressed the view that the " normal revenue " of Palestine should now be estimated at £3,800,000, this figure being £800,000 in excess of the estimate of " normal revenue " given a year previously. Their Lordships note that the ordinary expenditure for the current financial year is below this figure.

7. The various factors alluded to by the Treasurer in his memorandum no doubt afford reasonable grounds on which to base expectations of a larger normal revenue than was anticipated a year ago. Nevertheless My Lords doubt whether it is possible to estimate with any degree of accuracy the extent to which revenue (and in particular customs revenue) is at the present time temporarily inflated by the large influx of capital which is unlikely to be maintained at its present level. My Lords assume that this estimate of normal revenue will not be regarded as a justification for incurring expenditure on ordinary services up to this figure. While They appreciate that the large increase of population in recent years, and the present period of marked prosperity inevitably results in insistent demands for new or extended services, of which some must necessarily be provided within a relatively short period, They feel sure that the best interests of Palestine would be served by a steady building up of the essential services of the country, rather than by a short period of rapid expansion. Experience shows that very rapid expansion of Government services invariably results in a reduced return for the outlay, while personnel difficulties are aggravated and the standard is liable to be reduced as a result of a large intake of new entrants in a brief period. It must also be borne in mind that the full cost of new schemes or expansion of existing services does not make itself felt for a number of years.

8. These considerations lead Their Lordships to the conclusion that, apart altogether from uncertainty as to the future financial position, it is undesirable at the present juncture to attempt to initiate a large number of projects for new services, or large expansion of existing services. They trust that due weight will be given to this consideration.

EXPENDITURE.

9. Turning now to the detailed Estimates of expenditure My Lords desire to comment on the following Heads:—

II Public Debt and Loan Charges,

XI Health, XII Education, XIII Agriculture and Forests, XXII Posts and Telegraphs.

* 75225/35 [No. 30]: not printed.

10. *Public Debt and Loan Charges.*—As the Secretary of State for the Colonies is aware, discussion is still proceeding in regard to the proposed issue of the suggested Palestine Government 3 per cent Guaranteed Loan. The two items, amounting to £60,606 inserted in respect of this loan, should be regarded as inserted provisionally only.

11. *Health.*—Expenditure under this head was £105,918 in the year 1931-2 and the revised estimate for 1934-5 was £165,000. The estimated expenditure for the current financial year is £204,000. The proposed expenditure for the current financial year, therefore, represents nearly twice the expenditure four years ago. This represents a very rapid rate of increase. My Lords note, however, that provision for the current year includes a number of non-recurrent items, and that a number of other items on which substantial expenditure is proposed are reserved for further consideration, e.g., the Tuberculosis Scheme and Grant to Trans-Jordan Government. Subject to further consideration being given to the reserved items My Lords offer no further observation on this Head.

12. *Education.*—The expenditure under this Head rose from £158,000 in 1932-3 to £179,635 in 1933-4; for the current year expenditure of £233,521 is contemplated.

13. *Urban Education.*—My Lords note that the increased expenditure for which provision is made in the draft Estimates is due in part to advancement of existing personnel in the incremental scales, and to provision of a full year's salary of teachers newly appointed in September, 1934 (who drew pay for six or seven months only during 1934-5). To a considerable extent, however, the increase is due to additional teaching posts of which the full cost will not fall to be borne until 1936-7. It is therefore evident that substantial further increases in expenditure are contemplated under this Head. My Lords would be glad to be informed of the general programme for the development of Urban Education on which the present proposals are based, and of the future commitments involved in this programme.

14. *Rural Education.*—I am to refer in this connexion to Mr. Williams' letter of 27th June*.

My Lords have felt considerable doubt as to the desirability of the increases in expenditure proposed in the draft Estimate 1935/6, having regard to the criticisms of the system of rural education contained in the report of the O'Donnell Commission, and to the lack of evidence as to whether the expansion already approved has been justified by results.

15. In view of the delay which has occurred in settling the Estimates for the current year, My Lords are prepared to approve the provision proposed in the draft Palestine Estimates, 1935-6, but this authority is subject to Their being furnished with an early report setting out the information asked for in paragraph 6 of Treasury Letter of 6th July, 1934 (S.37840†), brought up to date. Their Lordships would also be glad if in future years They could receive a memorandum on the lines of the explanatory matter which accompanied Colonial Office letter of 11th June, 1934‡, submitting the High Commissioner's proposals for 1934-5.

16. *Agriculture and Forests.*—Expenditure on this Department rose from £81,227 in 1931 to £115,076 in 1933-4. The revised Estimate of expenditure for 1934-5 was £142,000 and the Estimate for the current financial year £198,816.

17. My Lords note that the proposals for expansion of the Fishery Service, and for planting the Mount of Olives are reserved for further consideration.

18. My Lords feel grave doubts whether this rapid expansion proposed will result in full value being obtained for the expenditure to be incurred, and They would have preferred to see some of the many new items deferred until a later year.

If, however, the Secretary of State is prepared to agree that the period of expansion which has been taking place should, after the current financial year, be followed by a period of consolidation of existing activities, and that the normal level of expenditure for several ensuing years will not therefore exceed the current year's provision, My Lords are prepared to sanction the provision proposed, subject to further consideration of the reserved items.

19. *Posts and Telegraphs.*—My Lords note that, whereas in 1934 the excess of revenue over expenditure represented approximately 42 per cent of expenditure, for the

* 75254/35 [No. 2]: not printed. † 37454/34 [No. 5]: not printed.
‡ 37454/34 [No. 2]: not printed.

current financial year the corresponding percentage is under 15 per cent. To some extent this difference is accounted for by the provision made for the Renewals Fund. It appears unsatisfactory, however, that the large additional staff, for which Their sanction has already been given, should not result in corresponding additional revenue. They would be glad to receive a further report on this matter in due course.

20. Subject to the above observations and to the points reserved by your Department for further consideration, and to amendments necessary as a result of decisions taken since the Estimates were drafted, My Lords approve the draft Estimate of expenditure.

SURPLUS BALANCES.

21. A further communication will be sent to you in regard to the disposal of the surplus balances in the light of the further discussion as to the proposed issue of the suggested Palestine 3 per cent Guaranteed Loan.

I am, &c.,

F. PHILLIPS.

75005/35 [No. 41]. No. 8.

COLONIAL OFFICE

to

TREASURY.

SIR, Downing Street, 10th August, 1935.

I am directed by Mr. Secretary MacDonald to acknowledge the receipt of your letter S.35956/01/35 of the 2nd of August* on the subject of the draft Estimates of Palestine for the year 1935-36, and to request you to convey to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury the following reply.

2. Mr. MacDonald notes that, subject to certain observations relating to the expenditure proposed under Heads II, XI, XII, XIII and XXII, to amendments necessary as a result of decisions taken since the Estimates were drafted, and to points which are still reserved for further consideration, their Lordships approve the draft Estimates.

3. The High Commissioner for Palestine will be asked to furnish the reports which their Lordships desire on the subject of the programme of urban education and on the scope and progress of the rural education scheme. The attention of the High Commissioner will also be drawn to the suggestion that the period of expansion of Agricultural Services which has been taking place should, after the current financial year, be followed by a period of consolidation, but the Secretary of State has some doubt whether it will be possible to give any undertaking that the normal level of expenditure under this Head for several ensuing years will not exceed the current year's provision. The High Commissioner will also be requested to furnish a report on the relation between postal revenue and expenditure.

4. The attention of the High Commissioner for Palestine will be drawn to the general observations contained in paragraphs 6-8 of your letter, but, in order to avoid future misunderstanding, the Secretary of State desires again to record the opinion that the large programme of extraordinary works and of expansion of ordinary services which is at present contemplated by the Government of Palestine is necessitated by the rapid increase of population due to Jewish immigration, which shows no signs of abatement; and that, so far as he is in a position to judge, the High Commissioner and his advisers have indicated by their financial policy that they are fully alive to the difficulties which may result from over-rapid expansion within a short period. In this connexion, I am to refer to the distinction which has been drawn in the draft Estimates for the last two financial years between "normal" and extraordinary revenue, to the restriction of expenditure on ordinary services (including a moderate programme of public works) well within the estimate of "normal" revenue, and to the proposed establishment of a Reserve Fund amounting to at least one year's "normal" revenue.

5. Mr. MacDonald trusts that their Lordships will give due weight to the peculiar economic position created in Palestine by the efforts of the Jewish people throughout the world to establish a Jewish National Home, an effort which His Majesty's Govern-

* No. 7.

ment is bound by the terms of the Mandate to facilitate within the limits imposed by their equivalent obligation to safeguard the rights and position of the non-Jewish population.

6. In the building up of the Jewish National Home immigration is obviously a vital factor. The policy of the Government in this respect and the main provisions of the Palestine immigration law have been embodied in various State documents and have received the approval of the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations. The guiding principle of policy is that immigration into Palestine must be regulated solely by the economic capacity of the country to absorb new immigrants. The main principles underlying the Immigration Ordinance are that there shall be no restriction on the number of immigrants of the self-supporting classes (i.e., those possessing the requisite amount of capital or whose maintenance is otherwise assured), but that the number of "labour immigrants" (i.e., those coming to employment) shall be regulated by the estimated number of labour vacancies. The quota of labour immigrants is fixed half-yearly after careful investigations into the state of the labour market, in the first place by the Jewish Agency, and then independently by the Department of Migration and Statistics.

7. The Secretary of State is satisfied that during the past few years the High Commissioner has exercised due caution in assessing the economic absorptive capacity of Palestine and has taken a long view of future possibilities. For example, the half-yearly quotas of labour immigrants approved by the High Commissioner in April and October, 1934, amounted to 5,600 and 7,700 respectively, with a supplementary quota of 1,200, as against applications by the Jewish Agency for quotas of 20,100 in April and 18,600 in October. These severe reductions of the quotas proposed by the Jewish Agency were effected by Sir Arthur Wauchope in face of the strongest opposition and of definite indications of a shortage of labour, on the view that a considerable proportion of the employment available, especially in the building trade, was likely to be of a temporary nature.

8. As regards the self-supporting class of immigrants, the increase in the number of "capitalists" (i.e., those possessing at least £1,000) from 727 in 1932 to 5,124 in 1934 has had no untoward results. There is no evidence of failure on the part of these immigrants to establish themselves, and any proposal to restrict the numbers of immigrants of this class or to raise the limit of qualifying capital would represent a serious departure from approved policy, which would undoubtedly provoke a grave political crisis.

9. So long as immigration continues to be regulated in accordance with the principles which have been approved by His Majesty's Government and accepted by the Permanent Mandates Commission, Mr. MacDonald would feel unable to justify failure on the part of the Government of Palestine to supply, within the limits of available revenue and subject to due provision of an adequate reserve for emergencies, such new works and services and additions to existing services as are required to meet the economic and social needs of the Jewish population. At the same time, there is the specific obligation resting upon the Government to safeguard the position of the non-Jewish population; and, in present circumstances, this involves acceleration of measures designed to assist the Arab community, especially in the field of education, agricultural instruction and public health.

10. It follows therefore that, unless there is to be some drastic departure from the principles of policy governing immigration into Palestine, it is inevitable that for some years, provided that the financial situation remains favourable, the Government of Palestine should find it necessary to make provision for many new works and services and for a considerable expansion of existing services.

I am, &c.,

O. G. R. WILLIAMS.

75005/35 [No. 42]. No. 9.

PALESTINE.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

[*Answered by No. 10.*]

(Confidential.)

SIR, Downing Street, 10th August, 1935.

With reference to my telegram No. 234 of the 3rd of August*, I have the honour to transmit to you, for your consideration, copies of correspondence† with the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury on the subject of the draft Estimates of Palestine for the year 1935-36.

2. Subject to the observations with reference to Heads II, XI, XII, XIII and XXII which are contained in the letter from the Treasury of the 2nd of August, to such amendments as may be necessary as a result of decisions which have been taken since the Estimates were drafted, and to the reserved items to which reference is made in paragraph 6 of this despatch, the draft Estimates may now be regarded as approved. With reference to paragraph 10 of the letter from the Treasury, I will communicate with you further with regard to the proposed issue of the £2,000,000 guaranteed loan. In the meantime, the provision for loan charges which has been inserted under Head II should be regarded as provisionally inserted.

3. With reference to paragraphs 13 and 15 of the letter from the Treasury, I shall be glad if you will furnish at an early date the information which their Lordships desire with regard to the general programme for the development of urban education and the report which was requested in paragraph 6 of the letter from the Treasury of the 6th of July, 1934‡, of which a copy was enclosed in my confidential despatch (3) of the 19th of July, 1934§. You will note that in future years their Lordships will be glad to receive an explanatory memorandum on the lines of that which enclosed in your confidential despatch of the 19th of May, 1934‖. In this connexion I enclose a copy of a letter which was addressed to the Treasury on the 27th of June¶ on the subject of rural education.

4. With reference to paragraph 18 of the letter from the Treasury, you will no doubt give careful consideration to the suggestion that the recent period of expansion of Agricultural Services should be followed by a period of consolidation. I shall be glad to receive your views on this question in the light of the report of my chief Agricultural Adviser, which will shortly be available.

5. I shall be obliged if you will also furnish, in due course, the report requested in paragraph 19 of the letter from the Treasury with regard to the relation between expenditure and revenue in the case of the Posts and Telegraphs Department.

6. I have to invite your attention to the general observations on financial policy contained in paragraphs 2-8 of the letter from the Treasury and to the comments on this subject which are contained in the letter from the Colonial Office in reply.

7. The following items await approval and should be regarded as inserted in the Estimates provisionally:—

(*a*) *Items as to which correspondence is proceeding with the Treasury.*

Head IV.—Items relating to the remuneration of mukhtars.

The proposals contained in your confidential despatch of the 12th June** are under the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

Head XIII.—Items connected with the re-institution of the Fisheries Service.

Head XXIII.—Items 51, 53 and 54. Additional staff for building programme.

The proposals contained in your confidential despatch of the 4th of July†† are under the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

Head XXV.—Item 6. Passages.

(*b*) *Items regarding which further despatches from you are awaited.*

Head VIII.—Item 5. Appointment of Senior Assistant Treasurer in connexion with reorganization scheme.

I await a reply to my confidential despatch of the 2nd of March‡‡.

* 75005/35 [No. 40]: not printed. † Nos. 7 and 8. ‡ 37454/34 [No. 5]: not printed.
§ 37454/34 [No. 7]: not printed. ‖ 37454/34 [No. 1]: not printed.
¶ 75254/35 [No. 2]: not printed. ** 75004/35 [No. 7]: not printed.
†† 75296/1/35 [No. 1]: not printed. ‡‡ 75061/35 [No. 3]: not printed.

Head XI.—Items relating to expenditure in connexion with the tuberculosis sanatorium and district and dispensary services for tuberculosis treatment. It is understood that no expenditure will be incurred under these items until the report of the tuberculosis expert has been considered.

Item 126. Grant to Trans-Jordan Government, £3,000.

Head XII.—Grant-in-aid to Miss Mary Chapman's School.

Head XIII.—Item 247. Scheme for planting the Mount of Olives.

8. You will no doubt forward to me at an early date copies of the Estimates revised in the light of this despatch and earlier correspondence, together with a comparative statement indicating the divergences between the draft and the approved Estimates.

9. I wish to take this opportunity of recording my appreciation of the careful and exhaustive explanatory memoranda which accompanied the draft Estimates. These memoranda have greatly facilitated the examination of the financial position and of details of revenue and expenditure in the Colonial Office and the Treasury, and reflect credit on the Treasurer and his staff and the other officers concerned.

I have, &c.,

MALCOLM MACDONALD.

75005/35 [No. 49]. No. 10.

PALESTINE.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

to

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 28th October, 1935.)

[*Answered by No. 13.*]

(Confidential (A).) High Commissioner for Palestine,

SIR, Jerusalem, 18th October, 1935.

I have the honour to refer to the correspondence ending with your confidential despatch of the 10th August, 1935*, in regard to the approval of the draft Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the Palestine Government for the current financial year, and to forward herewith six copies of the revised Estimates† as printed for general information, together with a schedule showing the changes introduced in the draft Estimates which accompanied the High Commissioner's confidential despatch of the 2nd March, 1935‡.

I have, &c.,

J. HATHORN HALL,

Officer administering the Government.

75005/35 [No. 50]. No. 11.

PALESTINE.

COLONIAL OFFICE

to

TREASURY.

[*Answered by No. 12.*]

SIR, Downing Street, 20th November, 1935.

With reference to your letter No. S.35956/01/35 of the 2nd August§, I am directed by Mr. Secretary MacDonald to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, a copy of a despatch‖ from the Officer Administering the Government of Palestine forwarding copies of the Estimates for the financial year 1935-36 as published, with a schedule indicating the various changes which have been made in the approved draft Estimates. Three copies of the published Estimates are also enclosed.

* No. 9. † Not reprinted. ‡ No. 1. § No. 7. ‖ No. 10.

2. Their Lordships' approval has already been obtained for all the changes of importance in the approved Estimates. These are noted in the accompanying copy of the schedule, in which references to correspondence with the Treasury have been inserted. The Secretary of State will be glad to receive their Lordships' sanction for such changes as still require their Lordships' approval.

3. With regard to the question of rural education mentioned in paragraph 14 of your letter under reference I am to enclose a copy of a despatch* from the Acting High Commissioner forwarding a memorandum on the subject by the Director of Education. In accordance with their Lordships' desire to be informed of the general programme for the development of urban education a further report will be forwarded when it is received from the Government of Palestine.

I am, &c.,

O. G. R. WILLIAMS.

75005/35 [No. 55]. No. 12.

TREASURY

to

COLONIAL OFFICE.

(S.35956/01/35.)

SIR, Treasury Chambers, 30th November, 1935.

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Williams' letter of the 20th instant† with the accompanying copy of a despatch‡ from the Officer Administering the Government of Palestine forwarding copies of the Estimates for the financial year 1935-36 as published, with a schedule indicating the various changes which have been made in the approved draft Estimates.

In reply I am to request you to convey to the Secretary of State Their Lordships' sanction for the changes in the Estimates which still require Their approval.

I am, &c.,

R. V. NIND HOPKINS.

75005/35 [No. 56]. No. 13.

PALESTINE.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

[Answered by No. 75005/35 [No. 57]: not printed.]

(Confidential.)

SIR, Downing Street, 13th December, 1935.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Hall's despatch confidential "A" of the 18th October‡ forwarding copies of the revised Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the current financial year and to convey to you, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, my approval of such changes in the approved draft Estimates as have not already been sanctioned.

2. The amendments to which attention is drawn in the Acting Chief Secretary's note of the 25th October, No. F/74/34§, and in Mr. Hall's confidential despatch of the 8th November§ have been noted.

3. I shall be obliged if six further copies of these revised Estimates may be furnished.

I have, &c.,

J. H. THOMAS.

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* 75254/35 [No. 6]: not printed. † No. 11. ‡ No. 10. § 75005/35 [No. 51]: not printed.

2. Trans-Jordan Frontier Force (Grant-in-Aid)

37804/34 [No. 1]. No. 14.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Sent 12 noon, 16th October, 1934.)

TELEGRAM.

[Answered by No. 15.]

No. 66. Estimates 1935-36, Trans-Jordan Frontier Force. Please telegraph by 7th November provisional figures for 1935-36 under same Heads as are given in my telegram No. 105 of 19th October, 1933*. Detailed Estimates should arrive here by 15th December, if possible earlier.

37804/34 [No. 2]. No. 15.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER

to

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 1.13 p.m., 5th November, 1934.)

TELEGRAM.

No. 48. 5th November. Your telegram No. 66†. Provisional figures are the following: (*a*) Ordinary expenditure £P.177,926, (*b*) special expenditure £P.3,370, (*c*) capital works, Palestine, £P.6,110, (*d*) capital works, Trans-Jordan, £P.12,225, (*e*) grant-in-aid £P.148,197.

Detailed Estimates will arrive not later than 15th December.

37804/34 [No. 3]. No. 16.

COLONIAL OFFICE

to

TREASURY.

SIR, Downing Street, S.W.1, 12th November, 1934.

I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, a copy of a telegram‡ from the Acting High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan regarding the provision to be made in the Vote for Colonial and Middle Eastern Services, 1935-36, in respect of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force grant-in-aid.

The estimated expenditure is as follows:—

	£
(1) Recurrent	177,926
(2) Special	3,370
(3) Capital Works Services in Palestine	6,110
(4) Capital Works Services in Trans-Jordan	12,225
Total	£199,631

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* No. 23 in Middle East No. 51. † No. 14. ‡ No. 15.

Pending receipt of the detailed estimates, the sum of £148,000 has been provisionally inserted in the draft Vote for 1935–36 for the grant-in-aid required for the Force. This sum is calculated as follows:—

	£
Three-quarters of the estimated recurrent and special expenditure	135,972
Cost of Capital Works in Trans-Jordan	12,225
Total	£148,197
Say	£148,000

I am, &c.,
O. G. R. WILLIAMS.

37804/34 [No. 4].

No. 17.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

to

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 18th December, 1934.)

[*Answered by No. 20.*]

(Secret " A ".)

SIR, Jerusalem, 12th December, 1934.

I have the honour to refer to my telegram No. 48 of the 5th November, 1934*, and to transmit herewith the detailed draft Estimates for the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force for the financial year 1935–36, which form Head XXI of the Palestine Estimates.

2. It will be seen that the Ordinary Expenditure shews an increase of £P.4,428 in comparison with the approved Estimates for the current year, while the estimate for Extraordinary Works has been decreased by £P.13,721, resulting in a net decrease of £P.9,293. The required grant-in-aid will be £P.148,242, calculated as under:—

	£P.
Three-quarters of estimated Ordinary Expenditure (¾ of £P.180,690)	135,517
Whole estimated expenditure on Extraordinary Works in Trans-Jordan	12,725
	£P.148,242

3. Provision is made for the following net increases in the establishment of the Force:—

Item 60. 1 Blacksmith at £P.10 p.m.	120
Item 64. 3 Sanitary men at £P.4·500 mils p.m.	162
Item 69. 1 Foreman at £P.144 p.a. and Cost of Living Allowance in Grade " O "	150
	£P.432

The proposal for the increase of one Blacksmith under Item 60 has been made by the Officer Commanding, Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, owing to the need felt in the

* No. 15

Mechanized Transport Workshops for special skilled smith work which is beyond the capacity of the Private blacksmith at present employed, and owing to the great demand for skilled craftsmen in Palestine it will not be possible to obtain the services of a competent blacksmith-mechanic at a lower rate of salary than that proposed.

The increase of three sanitary men proposed under Item 64 is necessitated by the additional requirements in respect of married quarters for other ranks projected at Roshpina and existing at Zerka.

The additional foreman, for whom provision is made under Item 69, is required to be placed in permanent charge of maintenance services at the four Trans-Jordan Frontier Force stations in the Jordan area, under the Works Engineer, the two existing foremen being required for similar duties at Zerka and Ma'an respectively.

4. Other notable variations in the items for personal emoluments are those occasioned by the introduction of the new rates of emoluments for British Officers, authorized by your Trans-Jordan despatch No. 126 of the 18th October, 1934*, and by normal increments and grants of good conduct pay.

Item 48, Instruction Pay, is a new provision, and is proposed by the Officer Commanding, Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, for payment at the rate of £P.15 per annum each to two sergeants and two corporals, Depot Instructors, during their term of duty at the Depot, on the analogy of paragraph 868 of the Royal Warrant for Pay. These instructors are skilled men, specially selected for the position, and their responsibility is great. They have no troop leader to supervise their work, and in most cases a recruit squad at the Depot is larger than a troop. Recruits must be nursed through at least the first fifteen weeks of their training, and this entails continuous personal supervision by these instructors throughout the day.

I am not myself entirely satisfied as to the justification for this allowance, and will address you again on the subject after further consideration. Meanwhile, I wish this item of expenditure to be reserved.

Item 77, Officers Outfit Allowances, £P.100. Outfit Allowances were formerly included under " Other Charges " but are now transferred to the vote for Personal Emoluments in accordance with Colonial Regulation No. 222.

5. The following items of Other Charges show increases over corresponding provision for the current year:—

		£P.
Item 80.	Passages	300
Item 90.	Stationery and Printing	100
Item 95.	Rent of Camps, &c.	51
Item 98.	Crown Agents' Expenses	50
Item 100.	Telegrams, Telephones, and Postage	150
Item 102.	Purchase of Remounts	100
Item 104.	Replacement of Mechanical Vehicles	2,500
		£P.3,251

The increase of £P.100 for stationery under Item 90 is necessitated partly by the reorganization of the annual courses of instruction, and partly by increased correspondence and records consequent upon the new arrangements for works services with Jordan valley approved by your Trans-Jordan despatch No. 110 of the 11th September, 1934†.

With regard to Item 95, no provision has hitherto been made for the payment of rent for the camp at Rosh Pinna. The relative commitments in respect of past years have been met by the issue of a Special Warrant in the current year, which will be reported to you in due course.

The increase of £P.150 in Item 100 partly reflects the increased expenditure actually being incurred this year, and is due also to an increase of £P.80 per annum by the Postmaster-General, Palestine, in the flat rate for trunk calls.

With regard to Item 102, Purchase of Remounts, the Officer Commanding reports that the Force is 76 horses under the required establishment. To make up this deficiency he will purchase approximately 47 horses during the current year from funds provided in the Estimates and by Special Warrant. The provision of £P.1,000 made in the Estimates for the coming year is designed to cover the purchase of the remaining horses required to complete establishment.

* 37794/34 [No. 25]: not printed.

† P.F. 51314 [No. 2]: not printed.

The provision of £P.5,500 under Item 104 for the replacement of mechanical vehicles is in accordance with the approved programme of replacements referred to in the Acting High Commissioner's Trans-Jordan despatch No. 159 of the 20th October, 1934*.

The decreases totalling £P.2,280, shewn in the Items of Other Charges, are adequately explained in the " Remarks " column of the draft Estimates.

6. The estimates for Special Expenditure comprise nine items, totalling £P.3,370.

Item 110 refers to the provision of a variety of tools and plant at a cost of £P.720 with which to equip the new workshops; they are necessary for the efficient operation of this establishment.

With regard to Item 118, all X-Ray examinations are at present carried out either in Amman or in Jerusalem; and the Officer Commanding has represented that the acquisition of a Phillips portable X-Ray apparatus at a cost of £P.250 would not only result in a saving in examination fees and transport costs, but would obviate the necessity, frequently undesirable, of moving certain cases by ambulance or train, and would provide an invaluable facility in the event of active service. The Officer Commanding has stated that no additional accommodation or staff would be required; I am not however fully satisfied on this point, and pending further enquiry and consultation with the Director of Medical Services, Palestine, I would wish to reserve this item.

The provision of £P.400 under Item 121 is for the purchase of 5 Transmitters, T.R.4 (complete) and 5 Generators, 120 Watt, for £P.350, and of a battery charger for W/T accumulators for £P.50. The former are all-wave instruments, and provision for their purchase is considered necessary having regard to the possibility that in the near future aircraft of the Royal Air Force will be equipped with short-wave apparatus, and to the valuable improvement in communication between the more distant W/T stations of the Force which the increased range (80 to 100 miles) of these instruments will provide. It is anticipated that in view of the early provision of continuous current at Zerka, the charging of W/T accumulators from a battery charge will be more economical than the use of charging sets. This has not hitherto been possible, because the supply of electric current has been intermittent. If, as to which I am not aware, the Royal Air Force will shortly be equipped with short-wave apparatus, it is clearly essential that the necessary provision should be made in the Estimates to enable the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force to communicate with aircraft. If, however, this change is not contemplated, the need for this expenditure should be reviewed.

Furniture, or an allowance in lieu thereof, must be provided to officers under the new conditions of service. The scale of issues of furniture, the provision for the purchase of which is made under Item 123, has been based on the scale in force in the Royal Air Force, and is subject to approval by Government after due consideration.

7. The proposed expenditure on Extraordinary Works in Palestine amounts to £P.6,182. Item 3 is a re-vote from approved works provided for in the Estimates for 1934-35, which it will not be possible to complete before the 31st March, 1935.

Item 2 is a new provision rendered necessary by the unexpectedly rapid deterioration of quarters erected in 1933-34, due to the effect of climatic conditions on the type of mud construction employed.

The details of the other items are set out in Appendix " D " to the Estimates.

8. The proposed expenditure on Extraordinary Works in Trans-Jordan amounts to £P.12,725.

Item 9 provides for the share of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force in the cost of construction of a rifle-range at Ma'an for training in machine-gun practice, which formed the subject of the correspondence ending with your Trans-Jordan secret despatch of the 12th November, 1934†. This sum represents the full share of the proposed expenditure of £P.1,350. I am however continuing investigations into the possibility of providing this service more cheaply, and no expenditure on the construction of the proposed range at Ma'an will be authorized by me, unless and until I am satisfied that adequate facilities cannot be provided at a moderate cost. In the meantime, I recommend that provision for the full amount should be included in the Estimates.

* 37703/34 [No. 19]: not printed.

† 37730/34 [No. 10]: not printed.

The provision under Item 13 for the electrical installation and water-supply at Zerka is made to enable the completion of this work, the funds for which during the current year proved to be insufficient, owing to the break-down of existing pumping machinery which necessitated the immediate purchase and installation of an electric pump.

The details of the other items are set out in Appendix " E " to the Estimates.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR WAUCHOPE,

High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan.

Enclosure in No. 17.

PALESTINE ESTIMATES, 1935–36.

XXI.—TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE.

Item No.	*1934–35.*	*1935–36.*	*Details of Expenditure.*	*1934–35 Approved Estimates.*	*Estimates 1935–36.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
			A.—PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
			British Ranks—					
1	1	—	Commanding Officer at £P.1,150 p.a.	1,150	—	—	1,150	
2	—	1	Commanding Officer at £P.1,100 p.a.	—	1,100	1,100	—	1, 4—at new rates— See Appendix " A ".
3	—	—	Duty Allowance at £P.100 p.a.	100	—	—	100	
4	—	—	Command Pay at 10s. p.d.	—	183	183	—	
5	1	1	Second-in-Command at £P.900 p.a.	900	900	—	—	
6	—	—	Duty Allowance at £P.50 p.a.	50	50	—	—	
7	1	—	Adjutant at £P.600—50—700	694	87	—	607	
8	—	1	Adjutant at £P.550 p.a.	—	482	482	—	7, 9—Part-year at new rates. See Appendix " A ".
9	—	—	Duty Allowance at £P.50 p.a.	50	6	—	44	
10	—	—	Duty Pay at 5s. p.d.	—	80	80	—	
11	5	4	Company Commanders at £P.700—50—800	3,933	3,404	—	529	
12	—	1	Company Commanders at £P.700 p.a.	—	510	510	—	11, 13—One appointment-part-year at new rates. See Appendix " A ".
13	—	—	Duty Allowance at £P.50 p.a.	250	214	—	36	
14	1	—	Senior Medical Officer—£P.700—50—800	750	—	—	750	
15	—	1	Senior Medical Officer—£P.800 p.a.	—	800	800	—	15—At new rates.
16	—	—	Duty Allowance at £P.50 p.a.	50	—	—	50	
17	1	—	Senior Veterinary Officer—£P.600—50—700	700	152	—	548	
18	—	1	Senior Veterinary Officer—£P.700 p.a.	—	548	548	—	17, 19—Part year at new rates. See Appendix " A ".
19	—	—	Duty Allowance at £P.50 p.a.	50	11	—	39	
20	10	4	Company Officers at £P.600—50—700	6,443	3,100	—	3,343	20, 21—Part year at new rates. See Appendix " A ".
21	—	6	Company Officers at £P.550 p.a.	—	2,816	2,816	—	
22	1	1	Signalling Officer—£P.600—50—700	700	700	—	—	
23	1	1	Quartermaster—£P.600—50—700	700	700	—	—	
24	1	1	Paymaster—£P.600—50—700	650	686	36	—	24—Increment.
25	1	—	Workshops Officer—£P.600—50—700	615	460	—	155	25, 26—Part year at new conditions. See Appendix " A ".
26	—	1	Workshops Officer at £P.550 p.a.	—	161	161	—	
27	6	6	Warrant Officers—£P.290—10—340	1,962	1,994	32	—	27—Increments.
28	—	—	Expatriation Allowances at £P.50 p.a.	300	300	—	—	
29	1	1	Farrier Staff Sergeant—£P.240—10—280	249	259	10	—	29—Increments.
30	—	—	Expatriation Allowances at £P.50 p.a.	50	50	—	—	
31	2	2	Mechanical Transport Staff Sergeants £P.240—10—280	553	560	7	—	31—Increments.
32	—	—	Expatriation Allowances at £P.50 p.a.	100	100	—	—	
33	—	—	Reserve of Officers	270	270	—	—	33—Not expended in 1934–35.
34	—	—	Compensatory Allowances	90	75	—	15	34—Details—See Appendix " B ".
			Local Ranks—					
35	23	23	Local Officers—	5,848	6,029	181	—	35—Increments and change in holders.
			3 Qaids £P.300—20—400					
			7 Rais £P.252—8—300					
			13 Mulazims £P.208—8—248					
36	—	—	Duty Allowance at £P.50 p.a.	50	50	—	—	
37	3	—	Medical Officers—£P.300—10—550	1,284	—	—	1,284	
38	—	3	Medical Officers—£P.300—12—420—10—430—15—550	—	1,335	1,335	—	38—Regraded 1934–35 and Increments.
39	1	1	Veterinary Officer—£P.300—20—400	400	400	—	—	
40	6	6	Company Quartermaster-Sergeants—£P.150 p.a. ..	900	900	—	—	
41	32	32	Sergeants at £P.10 p.m.	3,840	3,840	—	—	
42	6	6	Lance-Sergeants at £P.9 p.m.	648	648	—	—	
43	31	31	Corporals at £P.8 p.m.	2,976	2,976	—	—	
44	669	669	Privates at £P.6 p.m.	48,168	48,168	—	—	
45	—	—	Proficiency Pay	3,600	3,600	—	—	
46	—	—	Trade Pay	2,500	2,500	—	—	
47	—	—	Good Conduct Pay	4,000	4,200	200	—	47—Payable under Regulations.
48	—	—	Instructors' Pay	—	60	60	—	48—Extra pay for N.C.O. instructors.
49	1	1	Sergeant-Mechanic at £P.16 p.m.	192	192	—	—	
50	2	2	Corporal-Mechanics at £P.15 p.m.	360	360	—	—	
51	10	10	Corporal-Drivers at £P.12 p.m.	1,440	1,440	—	—	
52	33	33	Drivers at £P.10 p.m.	3,960	3,960	—	—	
53	11	11	Mechanics at £P.12 p.m.	1,584	1,584	—	—	
54	1	1	Power-house Superintendent at £P.15 p.m.	180	180	—	—	
55	4	4	Electrician Mechanics at £P.12 p.m.	576	576	—	—	
56	1	1	Wireless Mechanic at £P.12 p.m.	144	144	—	—	
57	1	1	Bodymaker at £P.12 p.m.	144	144	—	—	
58	1	1	Painter at £P.10 p.m.	120	120	—	—	
59	1	1	Pumpman at £P.10 p.m.	120	120	—	—	

PALESTINE ESTIMATES 1935-36.—*continued.*

XXI.—TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE—*continued.*

Item No.	*1934-35.*	*1935-36.*	*Details of Expenditure.*	*1934-35 Approved Estimates.*	*Estimates 1935-36.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
				£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
60	—	1	Blacksmith at £P.10 p.m.	—	120	120	—	60—New appointment.
61	8	8	Clerical Officers—	1,392	1,387	—	5	61—Increments and change in holders.
			1 £P.288—12—360					
			2 £P.190—8—276					
			5 Soldier Clerks at £P.10 p.m.					
62	1	1	Regimental Records Officer—£P.180—8—276	220	228	8	—	62—Increment.
63	—	—	Compensatory Allowance	10	10	—	—	63—See Appendix " B ".
64	23	26	Sanitarymen at £P.4.500 mils p.m.	1,242	1,404	162	—	64—Three new appointments.
65	—	—	Reservists	2,898	2,898	—	—	
66	1	—	Assistant Engineer—£P.312—12—372	372	—	—	372	66, 67—Authorized 1934-35 by S. of S's despatch No. 110 of 11.9.34.*
67	—	1	Assistant Engineer—£P.360—10—480	—	386	386	—	
68	1	1	Foreman —£P.180—8—276	244	252	8	—	68—Increment.
69	1	2	Foremen —£P. 60—6—168	138	288	150	—	69—Increment and 1 new appointment for Jordan Area.
70	1	1	Clerk —£P. 60—6—168	123	136	13	—	70—Increment and underestimated 1934-35.
71	—	—	Remuneration of part-time teachers	96	96	—	—	
72	20	20	Recruits at £P.4.500 mils per month	1,080	1,080	—	—	
73	—	—	Cost of Living Allowances	1,059	775	—	284	73—See Appendix " C ".
73*a*	—	—	Officers' Outfit Allowances	—	380	380	—	73*a*—Formerly included under Other Charges Payable under Regulations. See Appendix " A ".
74	—	—	Furniture Allowances	—	200	200	—	74—Payable to British officers—New conditions of service.
			TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	113,267	113,924	9,968	9,311	Net Increase £P. 657.
			Officers Seconded to Trans-Jordan Government—					
75	1	1	Company Commander—£P.700—50—800	—	—	—	—	75—Major E. W. Northfield—Seconded to Trans-Jordan Government.

* P.F. 51314 [No. 2] : not printed.

PALESTINE ESTIMATES, 1935-36.—*continued.*

XXI.—TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE—*continued.*

Item No.	*Details of Expenditure.*	*1934-35 Approved Estimates.*	*Estimates 1935-36.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
	B.—OTHER CHARGES.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
76	Pensions Contributions, Pensions and Gratuities	4,500	4,500	—	—	
77	Officers' Outfit Allowances	280	—	—	280	77—Transferred to Item 73*a*.
78	Transport and Travelling	3,000	3,000	—	—	
79	Railways, Fares and Freight	5,300	5,300	—	—	
80	Passages	300	600	300	—	80—See Appendix " A ". £P. 108 in addition required for seconded N.C.O's.
81	Maintenance of Mechanical Transport	9,000	9,000	—	—	
82	Arms, Equipment, Uniforms and Clothing	9,000	9,000	—	—	
83	Ammunition	2,500	2,000	—	500	83—Based on actual requirements for annual training as laid down for British Army.
84	Harness and Saddlery	900	900	—	—	
85	Horseshoes and Stable Requisites	1,200	1,200	—	—	
86	Forage	12,000	10,500	—	1,500	86—Computed on present contract rates.
87	Camp Equipment	600	600	—	—	
88	Fuel and Light	1,800	1,800	—	—	
89	Furniture and Barrack Stores..	750	750	—	—	
90	Stationery and Printing	375	475	100	—	90—Increase necessary for (*a*) Works Services in Jordan Area (*b*) Annual Courses of Instruction.
91	Miscellaneous Stores	700	700	—	—	
92	Maintenance of Signalling and W/T Apparatus	800	800	—	—	
93	Medical Services	1,000	1,000	—	—	
94	Veterinary Services	150	150	—	—	
95	Rent of Camps, Quarters, and Training Areas	60	111	51	—	95—£P. 1 increase, Zerka, for Railways' land. £P. 50 rent of Roshpinah Camp.
96	Current Repairs and Maintenance of Camps and Buildings	2,200	2,200	—	—	
97	Water Supply and Conservancy	500	500	—	—	
98	Crown Agents' Expenses	300	350	50	—	98—Increased Expenditure on " Other Charges ".
99	Typewriters and Duplicators	50	50	—	—	

XXI.—TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE—*continued.*

Item No.	*Details of Expenditure.*	*1934-35 Approved Estimates.*	*Estimates 1935-36.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
		£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
100	Telegrams, Telephones and Postage	700	850	150	—	100—Based on current expenditure.
101	Contingencies	60	60	—	—	
102	Purchase of Remounts	900	1,000	100	—	102—To complete establishment.
103	Rations	500	500	—	—	
104	Replacement of Mechanical Vehicles	3,000	5,500	2,500	—	104—Approved replacement programme.
	TOTAL RECURRENT	62,425	63,396	3,251	2,280	
	SPECIAL EXPENDITURE.					
105	Six Hotchkiss Guns	—	—	—	—	
106	Four part-worn Lewis Guns	—	—	—	—	
107	Eight Vickers Guns	—	—	—	—	
108	Musketry Equipment	—	—	—	—	
109	S.M.L.E. Rifles, 22-bore	—	—	—	—	
110	Workshops Tools and Plant	—	720	720	—	110—For new Workshops.
111	Printing of Standing Orders and Training Manuals	65	—	—	65	
112	Vehicles for Mechanization	—	—	—	—	
113	D.P. Vickers Guns	—	—	—	—	
114	70 in. Wireless Masts	100	—	—	100	
115	S.M.L.E. Rifles	280	400	120	—	115—To replace 50 worn-out rifles.
116	Gymnasium Equipment	125	—	—	125	
117	Fire Extinguishers	—	225	225	—	117—Required for Men's Married Quarters.
118	X-Ray Apparatus	—	250	250	—	118—Necessary for the Medical Dept. of the Unit.
119	Horse Slings	—	25	25	—	119—One set only in Zerka, another required for Jordan Area Squadrons.
120	Office Furniture..	—	50	50	—	120—To purchase steel furniture for safe custody of Secret and Confidential documents.
121	Wireless Apparatus	—	400	400	—	121—Introduction of short-wave.
122	Weighing Machine	—	100	100	—	122—For the forage barns at Zerka; at present a small inaccurate machine, the property of the Contractor is in use.
123	Furniture for British Officers' Quarters	—	1,200	1,200	—	123—Necessary to conform with the new conditions of service for British officers.
	TOTAL SPECIAL EXPENDITURE	570	3,370	3,090	290	
	SUMMARY.					
	Personal Emoluments	113,267	113,924	9,968	9,311	
	Other Charges (Recurrent)	62,425	63,396	3,251	2,280	
	Other Charges (Special Expenditure)	570	3,370	3,090	290	
	TOTAL TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE	176,262	180,690	16,309	11,881	NET INCREASE—£P.4,428.

(C2454)

XXXI.—TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE EXTRAORDINARY.

Item.	*Details of Expenditure.*	*Original Estimates.*	*Revised Estimates.*	*Estimated Expenditure to 31.3.35.*	*Estimates 1935-36.*	*Remarks.*
		£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
	IN PALESTINE.					
1	Men's Married Quarters—Jordan Area	5,800	6,850	4,700	2,150	1—See Appendix " D ".
2	Reconditioning Married Quarters—Jordan Area	1,200	—	—	1,200	
3	Reconstruction of Rifle Range—Samakh	800	—	300	500	3—Revote from 1934-35.
4	Water Supply Beisan Camp	700	1,272	700	572	4 to 8. See Appendix " D ".
5	Water Supply Rosh-Pinah Camp	600	—	—	600	
6	Additions Rosh-Pinah Camp	275	—	—	275	
7	Additions Jisr el Mejamie Camp	215	—	—	215	
8	Roads in Jordan Area Camps	670	—	—	670	
	TOTAL IN PALESTINE	10,260	8,122	5,700	6,182	
	IN TRANS-JORDAN.					
9	Construction of A.F.V. Range	480	675	—	675	9—No suitable range available for training of mechanized companies. Half share of total estimated cost.
10	Reconstruction of Zerka Camp	11,200	—	—	11,200	10 to 12. See Appendix " E ".
11	Wiring Ma'an Camp	150	—	—	150	
12	Roads in Trans-Jordan Camps	200	—	—	200	
13	Electric Installation and Water Supply, Zerka	4,920	5,420	4,920	500	13—Unforessen breakdown of pumping plant.
	TOTAL IN TRANS-JORDAN	16,950	6,095	4,920	12,725	
	TOTAL TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE EXTRAORDINARY	—	—	—	18,907	

APPENDIX " A ".

ESTIMATES TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE, 1935-36. PAY AND ALLOWANCES OF BRITISH OFFICERS.

Item of Estimates.	*Holder.*	*Date Contract ends.*	*Salary.*	*Duty Allowances or Command Pay.*	*Cost of Living.*	*Compensatory.*	*Outfit.*	*Passages.*	*Furniture Allowance.*	*Remarks.*
			£P.Mils.	*£P.Mils.*	*£P.Mils.*	*£P.Mils.*	*£P.Mils.*	*£P.Mils.*	*£P.Mils.*	
Commanding Officer ..	Lt.-Col. C. H. Miller	27.10.35	1,100·–	183·–	—	—	—	53·100	36·600	New Conditions.
Second-in-Command ..	Major C. E. Howard	—	900·–	50·–	36·–	—	—	—	—	Old ,,
Adjutant	Captain J. M. Sinclair	15. 5.35	86·558	6·183	3·709	—	—	—	—	,, ,,
	Vacant from	16. 5.35	481·985	80·250	—	—	20·–	22·500	—	New ,,
			568·543							
5 Company Commanders	Major R. S. Y. Buller	—	800·–	50·–	30·–	20·513	—	—	—	Old ,,
	,, J. W. Smith	—	800·–	50·–	30·–	20·513	—	—	—	,, ,,
	,, Y. R. D. Wigan	—	800·–	50·–	30·–	20·513	—	—	—	,, ,,
	,, P. T. Goodwin	—	800·–	50·–	30·–	—	—	—	—	,, ,,
	,, M. C. Lassetter	8. 7.35	203·609	13·576	8·154	—	—	—	—	,, ,,
	Vacant from	9. 7.35	509·947	—	—	—	20·–	22·500	—	New ,,
			3,913·556	213·576						
Senior Medical Officer ..	Vacant from	10. 1.35	800·–	—	—	—	—	—	—	New ,,
,, Veterinary Officer	Captain H. A. Idenden	18. 6.35	152·–	10·834	6·500	3·890	—	30·600	—	Old ,,
	Vacant from	19. 6.35	548·–	—	—	—	20·–	22·500	—	New ,,
			700·–							
10 Company Officers ..	Captain J. H. Elwes	30. 4.35	58·333	—	2·500	—	—	30·600	—	Old ,,
	,, G. P. Warden	26. 6.35	167·221	—	7·166	—	—	30·600	—	,, ,,
	,, F. Cronin	12. 8.35	237·636	—	10·968	—	—	22·500	—	,, ,,
	,, A. P. C. Crossley	31. 3.35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	,, ,,
	,, I. B. Fernie	5. 5.35	62·903	—	2·903	—	—	30·600	—	,, ,,
	,, J. R. Lupton	5. 5.35	62·903	—	2·903	—	—	30·600	—	,, ,,
	,, D. J. E. O'Flynn	28.12.36	650·–	—	30·–	—	—	—	—	,, ,,
	,, C. M. Baldwin	25. 8.36	631·–	—	30·–	—	—	—	—	,, ,,
	,, T. C. Williamson	1. 9.36	630·–	—	30·–	—	—	—	—	,, ,,
	,, J. Chamberlain	24. 4.37	600·–	—	30·–	—	—	—	—	,, ,,

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APPENDIX " A ".—*continued.*

ESTIMATES TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE, 1935-36. PAY AND ALLOWANCES OF BRITISH OFFICERS.—*continued*

Item of Estimates.	*Holder.*	*Date Contract ends.*	*Salary.*	*Duty Allowances or Command Pay.*	*Cost of Living.*	*Compensatory.*	*Outfit.*	*Passages.*	*Furniture Allowance.*	*Remarks.*
			£P.Mils.	£P.Mils.	£P.Mils.	£P.Mils.	£P.Mils.	£P.Mils.	£P.Mils.	
	1 Vacant from	1. 4.35	550·–	—	—	—	20·–	30·600	—	New Conditions.
	1 „ „	1. 5.35	504·163	—	—	—	20·–	22·500	—	„ „
	2 „ „	6. 5.35	993·540	—	—	—	40·–	45·–	—	„ „
	1 „ „	27. 6.35	418·608	—	—	—	20·–	22·500	—	„ „
	1 „ „	13. 8.35	348·954	—	—	—	20·–	22·500	—	„ „
			5,915·261							
Signalling Officer ..	Captain A. M. Fiddes ..	—	700·–	—	30·–	—	—	—	—	Old
Quartermaster ..	Captain G. T. Paley ..	—	700·–	—	30·–	—	—	—	—	„
Paymaster ..	„ D. W. Roy ..	—	686·–	—	30·–	—	—	—	—	„
Workshops Officer ..	„ C. G. Phipps ..	15.12.35	459·545	—	22·297	—	—	22·500	—	„
„ „ ..	Vacant from	16.12.35	161·154	—	—	—	—	30·600	—	New
			620·699							
			£P.		433·100	65·429	180·–	492·300	36·600	

Reserve of Officers .. .. $\frac{200}{380}$

APPENDIX " B ".

TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE ESTIMATES, 1935-36.

COMPENSATORY ALLOWANCES.

Item No.		*£P. Mils*
34	Company Commander Major Y. R. D. Wigan	20·513
	„ „ Major R. S. Y. Buller	20·513
	„ „ Major J. W. Smith	20·513
	Senior Veterinary Officer Captain H. A. Idenden	3·889
	1 Warrant Officer Mr. R. Paget	9·835
		£P. Mils.75·263
63	Local Officers— Kaid Abdul Rahman Arekat	£P.10·256

APPENDIX " C ".

TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE ESTIMATES, 1935-36.

DETAILS OF COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCES.

Item No.		£P.
	British Officers (Schedule " A ")	433
27/31	British Warrant Officers & S/Sergeants	108
35	Local Officers (3 Kaids)	72
37	3 Medical Officers	72
39	1 Veterinary Officer	24
61	Clerical Officers	30
67	Assistant Engineer	12
69	2 Foremen	18
71	Clerk Grade III	6
	Total	£P.775

APPENDIX " D ".

TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE.

WORKS EXTRAORDINARY IN PALESTINE, 1935-36.

Item No.	*Station.*	*Description of Work.*	*Estimated Cost.* £P.	*Remarks.*
1	Rosh Pinna ..	Construction of married quarters for other ranks.	2,150	This will complete all stations. Not previously approved owing to doubts regarding adequacy of water supply (now provided for under Item 5). See paragraph 9 of High Commissioner's confidential despatch of 11th March, 1933.*
2	Jordan Area	Reconditioning of married quarters.	1,200	Necessary on account of deterioration under adverse weather conditions.
3	Samakh ..	To complete reconstruction of rifle-range.	500	A revote from the provision of £P.800 approved in 1934–35.
4	Beisan ..	Installation of water-supply.	572	The present supply, depending upon a lengthy, open channel and the good will of neighbouring cultivators, is constantly interrupted and it has been necessary for long periods to use mechanical transport to carry water to the Camp. It is proposed to link the Camp with the new Beisan water-supply as soon as the latter is completed.
5	Rosh Pinna ..	Construction of a water-supply.	600	See paragraph 9 of High Commissioner's confidential despatch of 11th March, 1933.* Experience has shown that the present supply is inadequate for the needs of the Frontier Force detachment and/or the company of British Infantry, apart from the proposed married quarters.

* 17823/33 [No. 1]: not printed.

Item No.	Station.	Description of Work.	Estimated Cost. £P.	Remarks.
6	Rosh Pinna ..	(*a*) Construction of forge £P.225. (*b*) Construction of garage for cavalry supply tender £P.50.	275	(*a*) To replace present temporary forge, which has been damaged by wind. (*b*) Necessary; other stations in Jordan area have been provided with such garages.
7	Jisr al Majami'	Construction of laundry ..	215	At present washing is done in a small room and in the open; this is unsatisfactory.
8	Beisan ..	Metalling and asphalting of main roads in Camp.	670	Work for which provision was made in 1934–35 will not be completed by 31st March, 1935.

APPENDIX " E ".

Trans-Jordan Frontier Force.

Works Extraordinary in Trans-Jordan, 1935–36.

Item No.	Station.	Description of Work.	Estimated Cost. £P.	Remarks.
9	Ma'an ..	Construction of range ..	675	Half total estimated cost. See covering despatch.
10	Zerka ..	(*a*) Construction of 5 barrack blocks: £P.5,500.		(*a*) To replace all troop barrack rooms constructed of war-time material. It has been found that, with the two blocks now being constructed, only 5 new blocks are required instead of 6 as originally estimated.
		(*b*) Construction of 1 block of British officers' single quarters: £P.1,400.		(*b*) This item appeared in the approved Estimates for 1934–35 but the provision was subsequently deleted, together with other items, to provide £P.2,400 for the completion of married quarters for men at Zerka authorized in the previous year. See Secretary of State's confidential despatch of 28th June, 1934.*
		(*c*) Construction of 1 block of single quarters for British warrant officers and British staff sergeants: £P.950.		(*c*) To replace war-time hutments.
		(*d*) Construction of servants' quarters and stores: £P.680.	11,200	(*d*) The orderlies and servants of officers are at present accommodated in old Nissen and war-time huts.
		(*e*) Construction of mess for British warrant officers and British staff sergeants: £P.2,000.		(*e*) To replace war-time hutments. The present mess consists of two rooms 18 feet by 24 feet. There is not enough space for a proper dining-room or bar, and the billiard-room is not large enough.
		(*f*) Construction of garage for half-company (mechanized): £P.670.		(*f*) One garage was destroyed by a windstorm in 1934, and was replaced from funds provided by Special Warrant. On examination the material of the demolished garage was found to be completely rotted and it is desired to replace the second garage which is of similar material and age.
11	Ma'an ..	Perimeter wiring of new married quarters.	150	The married quarters are outside the perimeter of the Royal Air Force and Trans-Jordan Frontier Force camps.
12	Zerka and Ma'an	Reconditioning of main roads in camps.	200	For repair and asphalting of roads constructed in 1931.
13	Zerka ..	To complete electrical installations and water supply.	500	See covering despatch.

* 37767/34 [No. 6]: not printed.

37804/34 [No. 7].

No. 18.

COLONIAL OFFICE

to

TREASURY.

[Answered by No. 19.]

Sir, Downing Street, S.W.1, 29th January, 1935.

With reference to the letter from this Department of the 12th November*, I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, a copy of a despatch† from the High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan (with its enclosures) submitting the detailed Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force for the financial year 1935–36.

2. The Secretary of State has the following comments to offer upon the Estimates:—

Head XXI. Personal Emoluments.

The introduction of revised conditions of service for British officers seconded for service with the Force was approved in Treasury letter (No. S.28979/01/4) of the 6th September last‡, and the changes in the emoluments of British officers, as set out in Appendix A, are the result of the application of these new conditions. Their Lordships will recollect that it was agreed that officers already serving with the Force should be given the option of continuing to serve under the present regulations or coming under the new regulations. A number of officers will be returning to their British units during the coming financial year and their successors will be appointed upon the new conditions.

Item 33.—The scheme for the establishment of a small Reserve of Officers has not yet come into operation. A general revision of the Palestine Ordinances governing the administration of the Force is under consideration, and it is proposed to provide for a Reserve of Officers as part of this revision. Further reference will be made to the Treasury on this question before sanction is given for the establishment of this Reserve: in the meantime it is suggested that this provision in the Estimates should be allowed to stand on the understanding that no expenditure will be incurred until the scheme has been approved.

Item 38.—Provision is made for the re-grading of the three local Medical Officers. The High Commissioner does not comment upon this in his despatch, but the re-grading is presumably intended to bring the salary scale of these officers into line with the new scales which have been approved for the Palestine Service. In that Service the old Grade III (£P.300 x £P.10 – £P.550) has become the new Grade K (£P.300 x £P.12 – £P.420 x £P.10 – £P.430 x £P.15 – £P.550). No increase in the maximum of the grade is involved, but the High Commissioner's proposal provides an increase in the annual increments. The proposed re-grading seems reasonable.

Item 48.—It will be seen that the High Commissioner is not at present entirely satisfied as to the need for these allowances. It is suggested that the provision should remain in the Estimates pending further reference to the Treasury on the receipt of the further despatch which the High Commissioner promises.

Item 64.—Reference is invited to the comments under items 1 and 5 of Head XXXI.

Item 67.—In this connexion, I am to enclose a copy of correspondence§ with the High Commissioner, from which it will be seen that the Secretary of State has approved the revision of the grading of Mr. Dagasso's post in view of the increased responsibilities which he has now assumed.

Item 73.—The saving under this item arises in the main from the abolition of cost of living allowance in the case of officers who come under the new conditions of service.

Item 73 (a).—Attention is invited to the comments made under item 33. Of this sum, £200 is provided in respect of outfit allowances for ten reserve officers. This expenditure will not be incurred until the scheme, referred to above, has been sanctioned. The remaining £180 is required for outfit allowances for British officers seconded to the Force in replacement of the officers who are returning to their British regiments.

Item 74.—This provision is required for furniture allowances to officers who are provided with temporary unfurnished quarters in accordance with the terms of Section 15 of the revised conditions of service.

Item 104.—With the Estimates for the current financial year which were submitted to the Treasury in the letter from this Department of the 15th January, 1934‖, the High Commissioner submitted a programme for the replacement of mechanical vehicles during the coming three years. That programme showed that it would be necessary to expend £5,500 upon the replacement of vehicles during 1935–36.

* No. 16. † No. 17. ‡ 37794/34 [No. 20]: not printed.
§ P.F. 51314 [Nos. 1 and 2]: not printed. ‖ No. 27 in Middle East No. 51.

Item 118.—The High Commissioner is not at present fully satisfied that, if this apparatus is purchased, additional accommodation and staff will not be required. The Secretary of State would propose that further information should be awaited from the High Commissioner before approval is given to this item.

Item 121.—The High Commissioner states that the apparatus which it is proposed to purchase for the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force is clearly essential if the Royal Air Force is equipped with short-wave apparatus. It is requested, therefore, that their Lordships will sanction this item on the understanding that the expenditure will only be incurred if the Royal Air Force is equipped with the new apparatus.

Item 123.—Under the old conditions of service British officers are required to purchase their own furniture, but under the new conditions provision is made for officers to be provided with quarters furnished by Government. It is not clear how it is proposed to arrange for the change-over from the old to the new conditions in this respect. Officers are continually moving their stations, and it is understood that it would be impracticable always to put officers serving under the new conditions into quarters which contain Government furniture while leaving officers who remain under the old conditions in quarters containing their own furniture. It was understood from the Officer Commanding the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, with whom the question was discussed while he was on leave last year, that probably the only satisfactory way would be that, when the new conditions came into force, Government should provide all the furniture, buying, where necessary, the furniture belonging to individual officers. The effect of this would be that officers who still remain under the old conditions will for a time obtain the benefit of free furniture, though they are not strictly entitled to it. There would appear, however, to be serious difficulties in the way of having two systems in operation at the same time, and it would appear reasonable to regard this as a small concession which it is necessary to make during the period of the change-over from the old to the new conditions. It is not clear from the Estimates whether the provision of £1,200 is the sum required in order to provide free furniture for all the officers of the Force. The Secretary of State would, therefore, propose that this item should be approved on the understanding that enquiry will be made from the High Commissioner as to the detailed arrangements contemplated, and that, on receipt of his reply, the question will be referred again to the Treasury.

HEAD XXXI.

Items 1 and 5.—Attention is invited to the letter from this Department of the 22nd May, 1933*, and Treasury reply (No. S.35961/06/33) of the 31st May, 1933†, regarding the provision of married quarters for " other ranks ". It is now proposed to provide these quarters at Rosh Pina as is being done at the other stations, and to construct a new water-supply, the present supply having been found to be inadequate.

Item 9.—This provision is for the half share of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force of the cost of constructing a range to be used both by the Royal Air Force and the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force for machine-gun practice. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister has been in correspondence with the High Commissioner and the Air Ministry on this matter and a copy of the correspondence‡ is enclosed. It will be seen that the High Commissioner is not yet satisfied that this service cannot be provided for more cheaply; and, pending the result of the further investigations which he is making he does not propose to authorize any expenditure. It is requested that their Lordships will sanction the provision of £675 on the understanding that the question is referred to them again before any decision is finally reached.

Item 10.—Reference is invited to the letter from this Department of the 7th June, 1934§, and Treasury reply (No. S.35961/07/34) of the 20th June, 1934‖.

3. It will be seen that the expenditure provided for in the Estimates is as follows:—

	£
Recurrent Expenditure	180,690
Capital Works in Palestine	6,182
Capital Works in Trans-Jordan	12,725

The share which is chargeable to His Majesty's Government is therefore:—

	£
Three-quarters of the estimated Recurrent Expenditure ...	135,517
The whole estimated expenditure on Capital Works in Trans-Jordan	12,725
	£148,242

Say £148,000.

* 17823/33 [No. 6]: not printed. † 17823/33 [No. 7]: not printed.
‡ 37730/34 [Nos. 8, 10 and 12]: not printed. § 37767/34 [No. 4]: not printed.
‖ 37767/34 [No. 5]: not printed.

4. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister is in agreement with the Estimates as submitted, and I am accordingly to request that, subject to the comments made under items 33, 48, 73 (*a*), 118, 121, and 123 of Head XXI and under item 9 of Head XXXI, their Lordships will be good enough to accord their approval of the Estimates, and to provide for the sum of £148,000 as the grant-in-aid of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force in the Colonial Middle East Service Vote 1935–1936.

I am, &c.,

O. G. R. WILLIAMS.

77104/35 [No. 1]. No. 19.

TREASURY

to

COLONIAL OFFICE.

(S.35961/06/35.)

SIR, Treasury Chambers, 9th March, 1935.

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Williams' letter of the 29th January* and the accompanying copy of a despatch† from the High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan submitting the detailed Estimate of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force for the financial year 1935/36.

2. In reply I am directed to request you to inform Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister that, subject to the reservations and modifications made below, My Lords are prepared to approve the Estimate.

3. I am to say that They will await the further information which They note is to be obtained from the High Commissioner before sanctioning Items 48, 118 and 123 of Head XXI and Item 9 of Head XXXI.

4. My Lords sanction Item 121 of Head XXI on the understanding that the expenditure will be incurred only if the Royal Air Force is equipped with short wave apparatus.

5. In connexion with Item 64 of Head XXI I am to refer to paragraphs 2 and 10 of Trans-Jordan despatch of the 11th March, 1933‡, a copy of which was enclosed under cover of Mr. Williams' letter of the 22nd May, 1933§, and to request that further information may be obtained as to the necessity for employing as many as three additional sanitary men at Rosh Pinna and Zerka.

6. Under Item 69 of Head XXI provision is proposed to be made for the engagement of an additional foreman, to be placed in permanent charge of maintenance services at the four Frontier Force stations in the Jordan area. My Lords would be glad to receive further details of the work which necessitates the employment of this man.

7. My Lords observe that under Items 33 and 73 (*a*) of Head XXI provision has been made for the expenditure of sums of £P.270 and £P.200 respectively for the pay and outfit allowances of the proposed Reserve of Officers. In view of the fact that the establishment of this Reserve is still under consideration, and that it appears unlikely that it can be brought into being in the course of the year 1935/36, My Lords consider it unnecessary to make provision for it. They have, therefore, deleted Item 33 and reduced Item 73 (*a*) from £P.380 to £P.180.

8. The effect of the modifications set out in the preceding paragraph is to reduce recurrent expenditure from £P.180,690 to £P.180,220. My Lords are now pleased to approve the Estimate for the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force at the reduced total of £P.199,127, made up as follows:—

	£P.
(1) Recurrent Expenditure	180,220
(2) Capital Works in Palestine	6,182
(3) Capital Works in Trans-Jordan	12,725
	£P.199,127

* No. 18. † No. 17. ‡ 17823/33 [No. 1]: not printed. § 17823/33 [No. 6]: not printed.

They further sanction the provision in the 1935 Estimate for Colonial and Middle Eastern Services of a grant-in-aid of £P.147,500 towards the cost of the Force. The amount to be provided has been rounded down from £P.147,890, which is the figure arrived at as the result of the following calculation:—

	£P.
Three-quarters of recurrent expenditure (£P.180,220)	135,165
Capital works services in Trans-Jordan	12,725
	£P.147,890

9. My Lords understand from semi-official communications that it is anticipated that rent to the amount of £P.500 will be received in the coming year in respect of the married quarters of the Force, and They have caused this figure to be inserted in the Appropriation-in-Aid Subhead of the Colonial and Middle Eastern Services Estimate.

10. My Lords note with regret that it has been found necessary to provide under Item 2 of Head XXXI the sum of £P.1,200 for the reconditioning of married quarters in the Jordan area, and They trust that steps will be taken to provide in future accommodation less likely to deteriorate rapidly.

11. My Lords would be glad to be informed whether the date of the coming into force of the new regulations for officers serving in the Frontier Force has yet been settled*.

I am, &c.,

F. PHILLIPS.

77104/35 [No. 2].

No. 20.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

[*Answered by No. 23.*]

(Secret.)

Downing Street, 30th March, 1935.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch secret ' A ' of the 12th of December, 1934†, forwarding the detailed draft Estimates for the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force for the financial year 1935-36, and to inform you that, subject to the reservations and amendments which are set out in the following paragraphs I approve the Estimates for the Force. These Estimates now form Heads XX and XXVIII of the Palestine Estimates.

Head XX.

Item 33—Reserve of Officers.—As you are aware, provision for the creation of this Reserve is included in the draft Ordinance to consolidate the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Ordinances which are still under consideration. I hope to be in a position to address you on the subject shortly, but as it seems unlikely that it would be possible to bring the Reserve into being in the course of the year 1935-36 the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have represented that this item should be removed from the Estimates, and I have agreed to its deletion accordingly.

Item 48—Instructors' Pay.—I note that you are making further enquiry as to the justification for the proposed allowances to the Non-Commissioned Officers acting as Depot Instructors and that you will address me again on the subject. I shall await your further despatch before approving this item.

Item 64—Sanitary Men.—The increase of three sanitary men is stated to be necessitated by the additional requirements in respect of married quarters for " other ranks " projected at Rosh Pina and existing at Zerka. I presume that one of these is

* *See* 37794/34. † No. 17.

required for Rosh Pina as at the other out-stations, and that the two originally provided for Zerka have been found to be insufficient. It is not clear, however, why two extra men should be required, and I shall be obliged if you will inform me why as many as three additional sanitary men in all are considered necessary.

Item 69—Foreman.—An additional foreman is provided under this item to take permanent charge of maintenance services at the four stations in the Jordan area. The Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have asked for further details of the work which necessitates the employment of this man, and I have to request that I may be furnished with the information desired.

Item 73 (a)—Officers Outfit Allowances.—In view of the deletion of the provision for a Reserve of Officers under Item 33, the provision under this item should be reduced from £P.380 to £P.180.

Item 118—X-ray Apparatus.—I note that you wish to reserve this item pending further enquiry and consultation with the Director of Medical Services. Approval of this expenditure is accordingly withheld for the time being, and I shall await a further despatch from you on the subject.

Item 121—Wireless Apparatus.—I note that this apparatus will be required only if the Royal Air Force are equipped with short wave apparatus, and I therefore approve the item on the understanding that the expenditure will not be incurred unless the Royal Air Force are so equipped.

Item 123—Furniture for British Officers' Quarters.—I am not clear how far the provision under this item will meet the full requirements for the provision of furniture by Government under the new conditions of service. It was understood from conversation with the Officer Commanding the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force when he was on leave in this country last year that there might be considerable difficulty in the provision of furniture by Government for officers serving under the new conditions while officers remaining under the old conditions still continued to supply their own furniture. He suggested that it might be found necessary for Government to provide furniture in all cases and to acquire by purchase the furniture at present owned by officers serving under the old conditions who would, in consequence, for a time, obtain the benefit of free furniture though they were not strictly entitled to it. I shall be obliged if you will inform me how it is proposed to meet this difficulty and if you will furnish me with further information on the subject.

Head XXVIII.

Item 2—Re-conditioning Married Quarters—Jordan area.—The Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have noted with regret the necessity for this provision, and have expressed the hope that steps will be taken to provide in future accommodation less likely to deteriorate rapidly.

Item 9—Construction of A.F.V. Range.—I note that you are continuing your investigations into the possibility of providing this service more cheaply, and I shall await a further despatch from you on the subject. In the meantime, no expenditure should be incurred under this item without prior reference to me.

3. In view of the deletion of Item 33 and the reduction in the provision under Item 73 (*a*) of Head XX, the Estimates as approved will stand as follows:—

	£P.
Recurrent Expenditure	180,220
Capital Works in Palestine	6,182
Capital Works in Trans-Jordan	12,725
	£P.199,127

Of this sum the amount which falls to be met by His Majesty's Government is £P.147,890, viz., three-quarters of the recurrent expenditure (£P.135,165), plus the cost of Capital Works in Trans-Jordan (£P.12,725). Provision has accordingly been made in the Estimates for Colonial and Middle Eastern Services of a Grant-in-Aid of £147,500 towards the cost of the Force.

4. I take the opportunity of referring to my confidential despatch of the 8th of March* as to the amount due to His Majesty's Government on account of rents received in respect of married quarters of " other ranks " constructed in Trans-Jordan, and to inform you

* 77067/35 [No. 1]: not printed.

that, in the absence of precise information, a round sum of £500 has been inserted in the Appropriation-in-Aid Subhead of the Colonial and Middle Eastern Services Estimate, 1935-36, in respect of anticipated receipts from this source. I shall be obliged if, when forwarding the Estimates of the Force in future years, you will furnish a figure of the receipts expected.

5. I have to add that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have enquired as to the date of the coming into force of the new conditions of service for officers in the Frontier Force. In my despatch No. 126 of the 18th of October, 1934*, I suggested that this date might conveniently coincide with the beginning of the coming financial year. It appears from Appendix A enclosed with your despatch under acknowledgment that this date has been adopted, but I shall be obliged if you will confirm this.

I have, &c.,

P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

77104/35 [No. 6]. No. 21.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

to

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 29th April, 1935.)

[*Answered by No. 24.*]

(Secret.)

SIR, Jerusalem, 18th April, 1935.

I have the honour to refer to my despatch secret "A" of the 12th December, 1934†, regarding the draft Estimates for the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force for the financial year 1935-36, in paragraph 6 of which I referred to a proposal to acquire a portable X-Ray apparatus for the Force, and asked that this item should be reserved until I had made further enquiry.

2. I have since given further consideration to the question, in consultation with the Air Officer Commanding and the Palestine Director of Medical Services, and I have reached the conclusion that the provision of the proposed apparatus would be of the greatest value to the Frontier Force and that it could be operated satisfactorily by the existing medical staff of the Force. The Director of Medical Services advises me that the recurrent expenditure involved is not likely to exceed £P.20 per annum.

3. I shall consequently be glad if the provision for the purchase of the apparatus, which forms Item 118 of the draft Estimates for the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, may now be approved.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR WAUCHOPE.

77104/35 [No. 9]. No. 22.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER

to

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 27th May, 1935.)

[*Answered by No. 27.*]

(Secret.)

SIR, Jerusalem, 17th May, 1935.

I have the honour to refer to your secret despatch of the 18th January, 1935‡, and connected correspondence regarding a proposal to construct a range for use by armoured fighting vehicles in machine gun training, and to inform you that at the High

37794/34 [No. 25]: not printed. † No. 17. ‡ 37730 [No. 13]: not printed.

Commissioner's request the Air Officer Commanding has further investigated the possibility of providing the required facilities at a lower cost than that involved by the type of range which it was originally proposed to adopt.

2. It has now proved possible to find near Zerka as well as near Ma'an sites which provide a natural stop-butt. The Air Officer Commanding also finds himself able to accept certain modifications of the original design which will reduce the cost of the range without impairing its efficiency for training purposes. Detailed estimates have been prepared, and it is calculated that the range near Zerka would cost £P.731, and that near Ma'an, owing to higher transport and labour charges, would cost £P.860.

3. In paragraph 5 of his letter of the 30th August, 1934, a copy of which was enclosed in my despatch secret "A" of the 29th September, 1934*, Air Commodore Peirse sets out several reasons for which it is preferable that the range should be constructed at Ma'an rather than at Zerka. Although under the revised proposals the cost of construction at Ma'an will be greater than that at Zerka the other reasons in favour of Ma'an hold good, and the High Commissioner considers that the range should be installed at Ma'an.

4. Consequently it is now recommended that approval should be given for the expenditure of £P.860 in the current financial year on the construction at Ma'an of the desired range, and that your reservation regarding expenditure under this item contained in your secret despatch of the 30th March, 1935†, should be withdrawn.

5. In paragraph 4 of my despatch I explained that it was proposed that the cost of the range should be borne jointly by Royal Air Force Votes and by the Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force. The provision of £P.675 under Item 9 of Head XXVIII of the draft Palestine Estimates should therefore be reduced to £P.430. But as the construction of the range will constitute a capital work in Trans-Jordan the share of the cost to be debited to the Frontier Force will fall to be included in the grant made by His Majesty's Government in aid of the Force, and the share to be borne in the first place by Royal Air Force Votes will also be borne eventually by His Majesty's Government.

I have, &c.,

J. HATHORN HALL.

77104/35 [No. 12]. No. 23.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

to

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 17th June, 1935.)

[*Answered by No. 27.*]

(Secret.)

SIR, Jerusalem, 7th June, 1935.

I have the honour to refer to your secret despatch of the 30th March, 1935†, regarding the Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force for the financial year 1935-36, and to furnish the following further information on specific points referred to therein.

Head XX.

Item 48—Instructors' Pay.—The original proposal was to grant each of four Depôt Instructors an allowance of £P.15 a year. After further consideration, in consultation with the Air Officer Commanding, I now propose that no special allowance should be granted to Instructors in drill and musketry since these subjects form the basis of all military training and all non-commissioned officers should be efficient in them. I recommend, however, that an allowance of £P.15 a year should be granted to each of two

* 37730/34 [No. 8]: not printed. † No. 20.

Depôt Instructors responsible for instruction in equitation and physical training respectively. Such allowances would be comparable with those approved for instructors in these subjects under paragraphs 868 and 866 of the Royal Warrant for Pay, 1931.

Item 64—Sanitary Men.—Of these three additional men, as you assume, one is required for Rosh Pinna, and two for Zerka. There are seventy-five married quarters at the latter station and it was found that two sanitary men are quite unable to maintain the quarters in a proper state of cleanliness. Since the married quarters were occupied in July, 1934, two sanitary men from other parts of the Zerka camp have been used to assist in the sanitary control of the married quarters, and it has consequently been found that the remaining sanitary men were insufficient for the rest of the camp. Additional work has also been caused by the removal of the incinerator to a greater distance from the camp, on account of the fumes and smoke being blown into the camp area.

The additional man for Rosh Pinna will not, of course, be engaged until the married quarters at that station are constructed.

Item 69—Foreman.—The proposal to appoint an additional foreman for the Jordan area is a corollary of the arrangement described in my despatch No. 120 of the 18th August, 1934*, whereby the Assistant Engineer, Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, has been placed in charge of the works services at the Jordan valley stations of the Force. Mr. Dagasso is responsible for construction and maintenance works at camps as widely distributed as Ma'an, Zerka and the Jordan valley, and it is necessary for him to have under him a resident foreman in each of these three areas who can deal with ordinary routine maintenance and keep constructional works under continual supervision. The Jordan valley stations are at Beisan, Jisr Majami, Samakh and Rosh Pinna, and I agree with the Officer Commanding that one foreman for the area will be fully occupied.

Item 118 (now Item 112)—X-Ray Apparatus.—I have recommended in my secret despatch of the 18th April, 1935†, that approval should be given for this proposed item of expenditure.

Item 121 (now Item 115)—Wireless Apparatus.—The Air Officer Commanding has ascertained from the Air Ministry that No. 14 Squadron, Royal Air Force, will not be re-equipped with short wave wireless telegraph apparatus in the current financial year. I therefore recommend the deletion of this item from the draft Estimates.

Item 123—Furniture for British Officers' Quarters.—The Officer Commanding, Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, has submitted recommendations for the provision by Government of furniture for certain quarters and the payment of furniture allowance in other cases. The proposals are receiving consideration and I shall address you further on the subject as soon as possible.

Head XXVIII.

Item 9—Construction of A.F.V. Range.—In my secret despatch of the 17th May‡, I have recommended that the provision in the Estimates for the current financial year should be reduced to £P.430, representing one-half of the cost of constructing a modified type of range. The range as now proposed meets with the approval of the Air Officer Commanding and the Officer Commanding, Trans-Jordan Frontier Force.

3. As regards the date of the coming into force of the new conditions of service for officers of the Frontier Force, to which reference is made in the fifth paragraph of your despatch, you will have learned already from my despatch No. 52 of the 3rd April, 1935§, that these revised regulations came into operation on the 1st of April.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR WAUCHOPE.

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* P.F. 51314 [No. 1]: not printed. † No. 21. ‡ No. 22. § 77094/35 [No. 1]: not printed.

77104/35 [No. 14]. No. 24.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Secret.)

SIR, Downing Street, 5th July, 1935.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your secret despatch of the 18th of April*, regarding the proposal to acquire a portable X-ray apparatus for the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, and in reply to inform you that, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, I approve the provision for the purchase of the apparatus which forms Item 118 of the Estimates of the Force for 1935-36.

I have, &c.,

MALCOLM MACDONALD.

77104/35 [No. 16]. No. 25.

COLONIAL OFFICE

to

TREASURY.

[*Answered by No. 26.*]

SIR, Downing Street, 19th July, 1935.

I am directed by Mr. Secretary MacDonald to refer to the letter from this Department of the 3rd April† enclosing a copy of a despatch‡ to the High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan regarding the Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force for 1935-36, and to enclose, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, a copy of a despatch§, which has been received from the High Commissioner on this subject.

2. As regards Head XX, Item 48 (Instructors Pay), it will be observed that the High Commissioner now recommends that the proposed allowances at the rate of £P.15 a year to Depot Instructors should only be granted to the two Depot Instructors responsible for equitation and physical training. These Instructors are native personnel, and while the Secretary of State is not disposed to agree that the grant of allowances to native personnel should be based upon the rules in the Royal Warrant for Pay in the British Army, he is of opinion that the High Commissioner's proposal, which has been carefully considered, is reasonable, and he requests that their Lordships will sanction it.

3. In view of the explanations furnished by the High Commissioner regarding Item 64 (Sanitary Men) and Item 69 (Foreman) Mr. MacDonald proposes, subject to their Lordships' concurrence, to approve the provision made in the Estimates under these two items.

4. Treasury approval for the purchase of an X-ray apparatus has already been received in your letter No. S. 35961/01/35 of the 18th June‖.

5. A further letter will be addressed to the Treasury regarding Item 123 (Furniture for British Officers' Quarters) on receipt of the despatch which the High Commissioner has promised.

6. As regards Head XXVIII, Item 9 (Construction of A.F.V. Range), I am to enclose a copy of the despatch from the Acting High Commissioner of the 17th of May¶. Very careful consideration has been given to this question. It will be seen that the proposal as now put forward, viz., that the range should be constructed at Ma'an at a total cost of £P.860, meets with the approval of the High Commissioner, and it has been ascertained that the Air Ministry are also in agreement with it. The half share chargeable to the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force will be borne under Item 9 of Head XXVIII of the Estimates. Provision for the other half has been included in the £5,000 for Royal Air Force Works Services in Trans-Jordan, which forms one of the

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* No. 21. † 77104/35 [No. 3]: not printed. ‡ No. 20. § No. 23.
‖ 77104/35 [No. 13]: not printed. ¶ No. 22.

items of Subhead H.1. Defence, Palestine and Trans-Jordan, in the Civil Estimates, 1935. The Secretary of State supports the proposal now made, and I am to request that their Lordships will be good enough to sanction it.

I am, &c.,
H. F. DOWNIE.

77104/35 [No. 17]. No. 26.

TREASURY
to
COLONIAL OFFICE.

(S. 35961/06/35.)

SIR, Treasury Chambers, 8th August, 1935.

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Downie's letter of the 19th July, 1935*, and the accompanying copy of a despatch† from the High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan regarding the Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force for 1935-36.

In reply I am to request you to inform Mr. Secretary MacDonald that, in the light of the explanations now offered, My Lords sanction the provision made under Items 64 and 69 of Heads XX and XXVIII of the draft Palestine Estimates (originally Heads XXI and XXXI). My Lords also agree to the provision of £P.30 under Item 48 of Head XX for instructors' pay to the two Depôt Instructors responsible for equitation and physical training at the rate of £P.15 per annum and of £P.430 under Item 9 of Head XXVIII for the construction of an A.F.V. Range at Ma'an. My Lords note that the remaining half of the total cost of £P.860 for this service will be defrayed out of the provision of £5,000 for Royal Air Force Works Services in Trans-Jordan, forming one of the items of Subhead H.1. Defence, Palestine and Trans-Jordan in the Colonial and Middle Eastern Estimates, 1935.

I am, &c.,
F. PHILLIPS.

77104/35 [No. 19]. No. 27.

TRANS-JORDAN.
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
to
THE ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Secret.)

SIR, Downing Street, 11th September, 1935.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your secret despatch of the 17th of May‡ and Sir Arthur Wauchope's secret despatch of the 7th of June†, regarding the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Estimates for 1935-36, and to inform you that, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, I approve the provision made under Items 64 and 69 of Head XX and also the provision of £P.30 under Item 48 of the same Head for instructors' pay to the two Depôt Instructors responsible for equitation and physical training at the rate of £P.15 per annum.

2. I also approve the provision of £P.430 under Item 9 of Head XXVIII for the construction of an A.F.V. Range at Ma'an. A copy of semi-official correspondence§ with the Air Ministry on this subject is enclosed.

I have, &c.,
MALCOLM MACDONALD.

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* No. 25. † No. 23. ‡ No. 22. § 77104/35 [Nos. 10, 15, and 18]: not printed.

3. Trans-Jordan Administration (Grant-in-Aid).

37803/34 [No. 4]. No. 28.

TRANS-JORDAN.
THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
to
THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 11th December, 1934.)

[*Answered by No. 35.*]

(No. 186.)

SIR, Jerusalem, 6th December, 1934.

I have the honour to refer to my telegram No. 49 of the 6th November, 1934*, regarding the draft Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Administration for the financial year 1935-36, and to transmit herewith for your approval the draft Estimates as approved by the Trans-Jordan Government, with copies of an explanatory memorandum prepared by the Financial Adviser, and of a letter, No. 4896 of the 24th November, 1934, in which the British Resident comments on the Estimates.

2. The Estimates of Revenue show a net increase of approximately £P.2,500 over the approved Estimates for the current financial year. Explanations of the changes are given in the Financial Adviser's memorandum. The principal variations are a decrease of £P.2,000 in Animal Tax, resulting from the serious depletion of livestock consequent upon successive years of drought, and those due to the substitution of a Land Tax for the House and Land Tax, Road Tax, Tithe, and Consolidated Tax. An allowance to the extent of £P.6,000 has been made under Item 15, Land Tax, for the possibility of tax remissions. By the revision of the estimate of receipts from the Palestine Government in respect of Trans-Jordan's share of the profits on the Palestine currency, referred to at the end of this paragraph, an additional sum of £P.3,900 will be made available. I recommend that this sum should also be set off against probable tax remission, thereby increasing the amount allowed for that purpose to £P.9,900, and reducing the estimate of revenue from Land Tax to £P.68,100. During the current year, it has already been necessary to recommend remissions of the gross amount of £P.19,000. I earnestly hope that agricultural conditions in the coming year may obviate the necessity for a further serious depletion of the Government's resources on this account; but it must be remembered that the resources of the farmers have been so reduced by a succession of bad harvests that they are no longer able to cultivate the whole of their holdings; and it will require a succession of good harvests to restore a normal economic prosperity.

The estimates of receipts from Income Tax is based on the assumption that the tax will be collected only from civilian clerks and personnel on the establishment of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force. No provision has been made for any contribution from the Palestine Government in respect of any tax that it may later be decided to collect in Palestine from the British members of the Force.

The decrease of £P.1,500 under Head IV of Revenue, Sub-Head 8, "Transit Charges (Trans-Desert Mail)", is consequent upon a recent decision of the Postal Union Congress at Cairo that these dues were not properly payable to the Trans-Jordan Government in respect of the west-bound traffic. This decision compelled the Post-master-General of Palestine to notify that contributions could no longer be paid in respect of the east-bound traffic. I am investigating the possibility of restoring some part of this revenue, which the Trans-Jordan Government can ill-afford to lose.

The anticipated increase to £P.9,020 in the *ex-gratia* payment to Trans-Jordan in 1934-35 in respect of Palestine's share in the profits from the Palestine Currency, referred to under Head VII of the Financial Adviser's memorandum, forms the subject of my Trans-Jordan despatch No. 184 of the 30th November, 1934†. Provision is being made in the Estimates of the Palestine Government for the payment during 1935-36 of the sum

* 37803/34 [No. 2]: not printed. † 37783/34 [No. 3]: not printed.

of £P.10,000 in respect of Trans-Jordan's share of the currency profits. The provision of £P.6,100 made in the Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Government for receipts in this respect should therefore be increased by £P.3,900.

3. Detailed comments on the changes in the estimated Expenditure are contained in the memorandum of the Financial Adviser.

The proposal to increase the Amir Talal's allowance on the occasion of his marriage, which took place on the 26th November, 1934, has been referred for consideration in Mr. Hall's semi-official letter to Mr. Parkinson of the 1st December, 1934*.

It will be observed that not only have no promotions been provided for, and only a few additional minor posts proposed, but that it has been found impossible to make any provision for the expansion of social and cultural services. In these circumstances, any provision out of revenue for that general development of which Trans-Jordan stands so seriously in need is out of the question.

In the present condition of acute financial depression through which the Trans-Jordan Treasury is passing, nothing can be done except to follow a policy of rigid parsimony in respect of the recurrent expenditure of Government until such time as the general situation improves.

4. The British Resident, in his comments on the Estimates, suggests that the provision of £P.700 made under Head XXVIII for continuing the construction of the Kerak–Tafila telephone line might be diverted to Head XIII to cover the recurrent expenses of an Agricultural Experimental Station during the second half of the coming financial year.

It is my intention to recommend that application should be made to the Colonial Development Fund for a grant of £P.3,942 to permit of the establishment of such a station, provided that additional revenue can be found to meet the recurrent expenditure in respect of this scheme for the six latter months of 1935–36, estimated by the British Resident at £P.700.

5. The grant-in-aid asked for by the Trans-Jordan Government is £P.60,000, which is the same figure as that approved in the current financial year, and will result in an estimated surplus at the 31st March, 1936, of £P.4,010, corresponding approximately with the working balance of £P.4,000.

6. In general, I would emphasize that the draft budget now presented to you is a " stand-still " budget necessitated by the prolonged and still prevailing condition of economic depression in Trans-Jordan.

It is not, however, my opinion that the action of Government should be confined to the negative policy of a rigid parsimony described above. I think that some positive steps should be taken to relieve the depressed economic conditions and I shall address you in the near future on certain modest measures of development arising out of the recommendations of the Committee referred to in my Confidential " A " despatch of 18th November, 1933†, and within the potential capacity of the country to undertake.

Even if the measures which I have in mind are approved and undertaken, I am not so optimistic as to suppose that their effect will become apparent for some years; but on the other hand I see no other way of giving the necessary initial impulse to the economic rehabilitation of Trans-Jordan so that the need for any grant-in-aid from His Majesty's Government may eventually be reduced and ultimately eliminated.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR WAUCHOPE,

High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan.

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* 37745/34 [No. 9]: not printed.

† 17793/1/33 [No. 16]: not printed.

Enclosure 1 in No. 28.

TRANS-JORDAN ESTIMATES 1935/1936.

SUMMARY SHOWING THE ESTIMATED SURPLUS AT 31ST MARCH, 1936:—

	£P.	£P.	£P.
Surplus at 31st March, 1934			26,048
Actual Revenue from 1st April, 1934, to 30th September, 1934:—			
Local	142,350		
Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Government	18,000		
Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	5,695		
Grants from Colonial Fund	4,650		
		170,695	
Estimated Revenue from 1st October, 1934 to 31st March, 1935:—			
Local	113,104		
Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Government	42,000		
Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	29,130		
Grants from Colonial Fund	1,150		
		185,384	
			356,079
			382,127
Actual Expenditure from 1st April, 1934, to 30th September, 1934:—			
Ordinary	147,468		
Extraordinary	20,635		
		168,103	
Estimated Expenditure from 1st October, 1934, to 31st March, 1935:—			
Ordinary	187,857		
Extraordinary	22,167		
		210,024	
			378,127
Estimated Surplus at 31st March, 1935			4,000
Estimated Revenue for 1935/36:—			
Local	271,050		
Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Government	60,000		
Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	33,271		
Grants from Colonial Development Fund	9,450		
		373,771	
			377,771
Estimated Expenditure for 1935/36:—			
Ordinary	348,914		
Extraordinary	24,847		
		373,761	
Estimated Surplus at 31st March, 1936			373,761
			£P.4,010

TRANS-JORDAN ESTIMATES 1935/1936.

ABSTRACT SHOWING THE ACTUAL REVENUE FOR 1933/1934 AND THE ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR 1934/1935 AND 1935/1936:—

Head of Revenue.	*Actual Revenue* 1933/1934.	*Approved Estimates* 1934/1935.	*Forecast of Revenue* 1934/1935.	*Estimates* 1935/1936.
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.
1. Customs and Excise	103,530	80,000	85,000	80,050
2. Licences and Taxes, etc.	101,612	130,000	111,280	129,900
3. Fees of Court or Office, etc.	30,219	31,250	31,250	31,200
4. Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones	12,622	13,355	12,055	13,380
5. Revenue from Government Property	2,972	4,000	4,200	4,800
6. Interest	609	1,470	1,405	1,180
7. Miscellaneous Receipts	8,906	9,514	9,264	9,040
8. Sale of State Domains	1,037	1,000	1,000	1,500
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE	261,507	270,589	255,454	271,050
9. Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Government	65,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
10. Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	30,899	34,825	34,825	33,271
11. Grants from Colonial Development Fund	24,006	5,800	5,800	9,450
TOTAL REVENUE	£P.381,412	£P.371,214	£P.356,079	£P.373,771

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REVENUE.

TRANS-JORDAN ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1935/1936.

Head and Sub-head of Revenue.	*Approved Estimates* 1934/1935.	*Estimates* 1935/1936.	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
HEAD I.—CUSTOMS AND EXCISE—					
1. Customs Share, Syria	1,000	1,000	—	—	
2. Customs Share, Palestine	17,000	17,000	—	—	
3. Import Duty Collected Locally	47,100	47,400	300	—	
4. Excise Duty on Intoxicating Liquor	900	900	—	—	
5. Excise Duty on Tobacco	9,650	9,650	—	—	
6. Examination Fees	2,150	2,150	—	—	
7. Miscellaneous Receipts	800	500	—	300	
8. Banderolle Duty on Matches	700	700	—	—	
9. Banderolle Duty on Cigarette Paper	700	700	—	—	
10. Banderolle Duty on Playing Cards	—	50	50	—	
TOTAL CUSTOMS AND EXCISE	80,000	80,050	350	300	NET INCREASE £P.50.
HEAD II.—LICENCES AND TAXES, ETC.—					
1. Licences, Trades and Professions	4,200	4,200	—	—	
2. Licences, Advocates	130	240	110	—	
3. Licences, Doctors	60	60	—	—	
4. Licences, Road Transport	1,200	1,300	100	—	
5. Licences, Forest and Quarry	400	400	—	—	
6. Licences, Sale of Intoxicating Liquor	370	370	—	—	
7. Licences, Sale of Tobacco	550	550	—	—	
8. Licences, Other	50	40	—	10	
9. Animal Tax	28,500	26,500	—	2,000	
10. House and Land Tax	14,400	4,400	—	10,000	
11. Stamp Duty	6,400	6,000	—	400	
12. Fines and Forfeitures	2,500	3,000	500	—	
13. Allenby Bridge Toll	3,500	3,500	—	—	
14. Income Tax	5,000	5,500	500	—	
15. Land Tax	32,300	72,000	39,700	—	
16. Ma'een Baths	240	240	—	—	
17. Temettu Tax	100	—	—	100	
18. Road Tax	3,800	100	—	3,700	
19. Tithe	23,500	1,000	—	22,500	
20. Consolidated Tax	2,800	500	—	2,300	
TOTAL LICENCES AND TAXES, ETC.	£P.130,000	£P.129,900	£P.40,910	£P.41,010	NET DECREASE £P.100.

TRANS-JORDAN ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1935/1936—*continued*.

Head and Sub-head of Revenue.	*Approved Estimates* 1934/1935.	*Estimates* 1935/1936.	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
HEAD III.—FEES OF COURT OR OFFICE, MISCELLANEOUS REIMBURSEMENTS, ETC.—	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
1. Court Fees, Civil	5,500	5,000	—	500	
2. Court Fees, Sharia	3,300	3,200	—	100	
3. Court Fees, Tribal	50	50	—	—	
4. Notary Public Fees	1,050	1,000	—	50	
5. Land Registry Fees	4,500	5,000	500	—	
6. Passport Fees	800	1,000	200	—	
7. Nationality Certificate Fees	200	220	20	—	
8. Tourist Fees	650	700	50	—	
9. Medical Services and Hospital Receipts	650	580	—	70	
10. Veterinary and Animal Quarantine Fees	1,300	1,200	—	100	
11. Education and School of Arts and Crafts Receipts	700	700	—	—	
12. Sale of Maps and Publications	250	200	—	50	
13. Sale of Government Stores	650	650	—	—	
14. Pension Contributions	11,150	11,250	100	—	
15. Miscellaneous Reimbursements	300	300	—	—	
16. Registration of Trade Marks	200	150	—	50	
TOTAL FEES OF COURT, ETC., ETC.	31,250	31,200	870	920	NET DECREASE £P.50.
HEAD IV.—POSTS, TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES—					
1. Sale of Stamps	3,000	3,100	100	—	
2. Commission on Money Orders and Poundage of Postal Orders	230	250	20	—	
3. Telephone Rentals and Installation Fees	2,500	2,800	300	—	
4. Telephone Trunk Calls	4,122	4,730	608	—	
5. Telegrams	1,333	1,730	397	—	
6. Parcel Post	500	600	100	—	
7. Post Office Box Rentals	70	70	—	—	
8. Transit Charges (Trans-Desert Mail)	1,500	—	—	1,500	
9. Miscellaneous	100	100	—	—	
TOTAL POSTS, TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES	£P.13,355	£P.13,380	£P.1,525	£P.1,500	NET INCREASE £P.25.
HEAD V.—REVENUE FROM GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
1. Rent of Buildings and Land	450	3,000	2,550	—	
2. Rental Tithe	1,800	—	—	1,800	
3. Forest and Other State Domains	1,750	1,800	50	—	
TOTAL REVENUE FROM GOVERNMENT PROPERTY	4,000	4,800	2,600	1,800	NET INCREASE £P.800.
HEAD VI.—INTEREST—					
1. Bank Balances	50	20	—	30	
2. Earthquake Relief Loans	150	30	—	120	
3. Interest on Advances to Agricultural Bank	300	—	—	300	
4. Agricultural Loans (1931, 1933, 1934)	870	1,030	160	—	
5. Interest on Deposits with the Joint Colonial Fund	100	100	—	—	
TOTAL INTEREST	1,470	1,180	160	450	NET DECREASE £P.290.
HEAD VII.—MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS—					
1. Sundry	650	640	—	10	
2. Share of Profits, Palestine Currency	5,214	6,100	886	—	
3. Royalties from Palestine Potash Company	3,150	1,800	—	1,350	
4. Anglo-Persian Oil Company	500	500	—	—	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	9,514	9,040	886	1,360	NET DECREASE £P.474.
HEAD VIII.—SALE OF STATE DOMAINS	1,000	1,500	500	—	NET INCREASE £P.500.
HEAD IX.—GRANT-IN-AID OF TRANS-JORDAN GOVERNMENT	60,000	60,000	—	—	
HEAD X.—GRANT-IN-AID OF TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE	34,825	33,271	—	1,554	NET DECREASE £P.1,554.
HEAD XI.—GRANTS FROM COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND—					
1. Es Salt–Allenby Bridge Road	—	8,500	8,500	—	
2. Improvement of Trans-Jordan Water Supply	5,550	950	—	4,600	
3. Haifa-Baghdad Railway Survey	250	—	—	250	
TOTAL GRANTS FROM C.D.F.	£P.5,800	£P.9,450	£P.8,500	£P.4,850	NET INCREASE £P.3,650.

TRANS-JORDAN ESTIMATES 1935/1936.

ABSTRACT SHOWING THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURE FOR 1933/1934 AND THE ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR 1934/1935 AND 1935/1936.

Head of Expenditure.	*Actual Expenditure* 1933/1934.	*Approved Estimates* 1934/1935.	*Forecast of Expenditure* 1934/1935.	*Estimates* 1935/1936.
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.
1. Civil List	14,560	14,582	14,580	15,161
2. Public Debt and Loan Charges	1,775	1,664	1,580	2,423
3. Legislature	3,733	4,081	2,480	3,816
4. Pensions and Gratuities	7,154	7,700	8,700	8,300
5. Chief Minister and Interior	3,944	4,028	3,730	4,113
6. District Administration	10,001	10,338	10,000	10,079
7. Ministry of Justice	16,238	16,352	16,000	16,805
8. Sharia Courts	3,876	3,962	3,930	3,973
9. Ministry of Finance	11,420	11,369	11,030	11,391
10. Customs and Excise	7,831	8,098	7,950	8,491
11. Public Health Department	12,118	13,090	12,800	13,316
12. Education Department	23,028	24,378	23,500	24,912
13. Agriculture, Forests and Veterinary	5,861	7,589	7,000	8,048
14. Antiquities Department	2,642	2,718	2,580	2,810
15. Public Works Department	4,544	4,628	4,610	4,674
15A. Public Works Recurrent	17,977	18,500	18,500	18,750
16. Posts and Telegraphs Department	12,637	14,481	14,200	15,014
17. Lands Department	12,668	15,718	15,000	16,338
18. Police and Prisons (*a*) Police	99,639	102,730	100,858	103,444
(*b*) Prisons	11,930	13,154	12,600	13,545
19. Miscellaneous	8,529	9,900	9,850	9,030
20. Audit Department	3,385	3,635	3,400	3,715
21. Tribal Control Board	1,091	1,106	1,060	1,112
British Resident	6,616	—	—	—
TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENDITURE T.J. GOVT.	303,197	313,801	305,938	319,260
22. Trans-Jordan Frontier Force (One-sixth of ordinary Expenditure)	28,720	29,387	29,387	29,654
TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENDITURE	331,917	343,188	335,325	348,914
EXTRAORDINARY :—				
23. Public Works Extraordinary	9,590	8,915	8,915	7,200
24. Police and Prisons Extraordinary	2,934	3,150	3,150	2,550
25. Agriculture Extraordinary	214	590	590	300
26. Public Health Extraordinary	—	275	275	530
27. Ministry of Finance Extraordinary	236	500	450	350
28. Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary	1,692	500	—	700
Write off of Public Moneys	864	—	—	—
His Highness the Amir (Extraordinary)	—	3,000	3,000	—
Relief Measures	—	15,000	15,000	—
Printing Extraordinary	357	—	—	—
Boundary Commission	964	—	—	—
TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE T.J. GOVT.	16,851	31,930	31,380	11,630
29. Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Extraordinary	2,179	5,438	5,438	3,617
30. Expenditure out of Colonial Development Fund Grants	23,822	5,984	5,984	9,600
TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE	42,852	43,352	42,802	24,847
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£P.374,769	£P.386,540	£P.378,127	£P.373,761

TRANS-JORDAN ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1935/1936.

Head and Sub-head of Expenditure.	*Approved Estimates* 1934/1935.	*Estimates* 1935/1936.	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
HEAD I.—CIVIL LIST—	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
A.—Personal Emoluments.					
1. His Highness the Amir :—					
(*a*) His Highness's Personal Allotment	12,000	12,000	—	—	
(*b*) His Highness the Amir Talal	820	1,320	500	—	1. (*b*) *vide* Memorandum.
2. Personal Adviser @ £P.38–2–46	552	552	—	—	
3. Secretary @ £P.32–1–37	393	390	—	3	3. Change in holder of post.
4. Doctor @ £P.26–1–31	336	348	12	—	4. Annual Increment.
5. Clerk and Imam @ £P.13–½–16	150	159	9	—	5. Includes increment £P.3. Holder was receiving £P.9–½–12 for six months in 1934/35.
6. Clerk @ £P.9–½–12	96	111	15	—	6. Includes increment £P.3. Holder was receiving £P.–½–8 for six months in 1934/35.
7. Driver @ £P.15 per mensem	180	180	—	—	
8. Compensatory Allowance	4	—	—	4	
9. Orderly	36	36	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	14,567	15,096	536	7	
B.—Other Charges.					
10. Transport and Travelling	—	50	50	—	
11. Lighting and Heating	10	10	—	—	
12. Contingencies	5	5	—	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	15	65	50	—	
TOTAL CIVIL LIST	£P.14,582	£P.15,161	£P.586	£P.7	NET INCREASE £P.579.
HEAD II.—PUBLIC DEBT AND LOAN CHARGES—					
1. Interest on Loan from His Majesty's Government	539	353	—	186	
2. Interest on Loans from Palestine Government	983	1,440	457	—	2. *Vide* Memorandum.
3. Second Instalment of Loan from Palestine Government for Iraq Telephone Line	142	630	488	—	
TOTAL PUBLIC DEBT AND LOAN CHARGES	£P.1,664	£P.2,423	£P.945	£P.186	NET INCREASE £P.759.
HEAD III.—LEGISLATURE—					
A.—Personal Emoluments.					
1. 15 Members @ £P.200 per annum	3,000	—	—	3,000	1. *Vide* item 3.
2. 1 member @ £P.38–2–46 per mensem	465	—	—	465	2. *Vide* item 3.
3. 16 Members @ £P.200 per annum	—	3,200	3,200	—	3. From items 1 and 2.
4. Clerk @ £P.17–½–20	204	204	—	—	
5. Clerk @ £P.9–½–12	144	144	—	—	
6. Orderly	18	18	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	3,831	3,566	3,200	3,465	
B.—Other Charges.					
7. Transport and Travelling	220	220	—	—	
8. Lighting and Heating	10	10	—	—	
9. Contingencies	10	10	—	—	
10. Postage, Telegrams and Telephones	10	10	—	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	250	250	—	—	
TOTAL LEGISLATURE	£P.4,081	£P.3,816	£P.3,200	£P.3,465	NET DECREASE £P.265.
HEAD IV.—PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES—					
1. Pensions	5,100	6,100	1,000	—	
2. Gratuities	2,600	2,200	—	400	
TOTAL PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES	£P.7,700	£P.8,300	£P.1,000	400	NET INCREASE £P.600.
HEAD V.—CHIEF MINISTER AND INTERIOR—					
A.—Personal Emoluments.					
1. His Excellency the Chief Minister	1,200	1,200	—	—	
2. Administrative Inspector £P.38–2–46	460	489	29	—	2. Annual Increment and correction of error.
3. Secretary to Chief Minister £P.38–2–46	456	480	24	—	3. Annual Increment.
4. Assistant Secretary £P.21–1–25	285	300	15	—	4. Reduced in 1934/35 to meet £P.15 specially authorised under item 12.
5. Chief Clerk £P.17–½–20	222	210	—	12	5 } Changes in holders of posts.
6. Clerk £P.13–½–16	174	162	—	12	6 }
7. 2 Clerks £P.9–½–12	288	258	—	30	7 }
8. Compensatory Allowance	8	4	—	4	
9. Orderlies	120	120	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	3,213	3,223	68	58	
B.—Other Charges.					
10. Transport and Travelling	420	500	80	—	
11. Lighting and Heating	15	20	5	—	
12. Contingencies	20	10	—	10	
13. Postage, Telegrams and Telephones	120	120	—	—	
14. Secret Service	240	240	—	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	815	890	85	10	
TOTAL CHIEF MINISTER AND INTERIOR	£P.4,028	£P.4,113	£P.153	£P.68	NET INCREASE £P.85.

TRANS-JORDAN ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1935/1936—*continued*.

Head and Sub-head of Expenditure.	*Approved Estimates* 1934/1935.	*Estimates* 1935/1936.	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
HEAD VI.—DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION—	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
A.—Personal Emoluments.					
1. 4 Mutaserifs £P.32–1–37	1,740	1,704	—	36	1. Change in holder of one post.
2. 4 Kaimakams £P.21–1–25	1,147	1,171	24	—	2. Annual Increments.
3. 4 Mudir Nahiya £P.13–½–16	682	—	—	682	3. *Vide* item 4.
4. 3 Mudir Nahiya £P.13–½–16	—	526	526	—	4. Abolition of one post.
5. 8 Clerks £P.9–½–12	1,134	1,146	12	—	5. Increments.
6. 5 Clerks £P.6–½–8	427	431	4	—	6. Increments and changes in holders of two posts.
7. Compensatory Allowance	43	31	—	12	
8. 34 Tax-Collectors	2,856	2,856	—	—	
9. Orderlies	384	324	—	60	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	8,413	8,189	566	790	
B. Other Charges.					
10. Transport and Travelling	1,450	1,400	—	50	
11. Lighting and Heating	65	65	—	—	
12. Contingencies	40	25	—	15	
13. Postage, Telegrams and Telephones	370	400	30	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	1,925	1,890	30	65	
TOTAL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION	£P.10,338	£P.10,079	£P.596	£P.855	NET DECREASE £P.259.
HEAD VII.—MINISTRY OF JUSTICE—					
A.—Personal Emoluments.					
1. Minister of Justice (Vacant)	—	—	—	—	
2. Judicial Adviser .. .. Special	1,342	1,342	—	—	
3. Superintendent £P.26–1–31	306	318	12	—	3. Annual Increment.
4. 2 Clerks £P.13–½–16	384	384	—	—	
5. Clerk £P.9–½–12	118	124	6	—	5. Annual Increment.
6. Compensatory Allowance	5	5	—	—	
7. Orderlies	72	72	—	—	
Court of Appeal.					
8. President £P.48–2–58	651	675	24	—	8. Annual Increment.
9. 2 Members £P.32–1–37	876	888	12	—	9. One Increment.
10. 1 Member £P.26–1–31	312	321	9	—	10. Annual Increment.
11. Chief Clerk £P.13–½–16	192	192	—	—	
12. Clerk £P.9–½–12	136	138	2	—	12. Annual Increment.
13. Clerk £P.6–½–8	96	96	—	—	
14. Compensatory Allowance	8	8	—	—	
15. Process Server	48	48	—	—	
16. 2 Orderlies	48	60	12	—	16. One was provided for 6 months in 1934/35.
17. Attorney General £P.38–2–46	531	555	24	—	17. Annual Increment.
18. Clerk to Attorney General £P.9–½–12	136	142	6	—	18. Annual Increment.
19. Clerk to Attorney General £P.6–½–8	78	83	5	—	19. Annual Increment.
District Courts.					
20. 1 President £P.32–1–37	444	444	—	—	
21. 2 Presidents £P.21–1–25	556	580	24	—	21. Increments.
22. 2 Members £P.21–1–25	600	600	—	—	
23. 3 Members £P.17–½–20	574	686	112	—	23. One member was provided for 6 months in 1934/35.
24. 4 Public Prosecutors £P.17–½–20	860	860	—	—	
25. 1 Execution Officer £P.13–½–16	168	192	24	—	25. Change in holder of one post.
26. 3 Chief Clerks £P.13–½–16	535	488	—	47	26. Change in holder of one post.
27. 3 Clerks £P.9–½–12	408	426	18	—	27. Increments.
28. 13 Clerks £P.6–½–8	1,141	1,196	55	—	28. Increments.
29. Compensatory Allowance	37	37	—	—	
30. 11 Process Servers	528	528	—	—	
31. Orderlies	96	108	12	—	31. One was provided for 6 months in 1934/35.
Magistrates' Courts.					
32. 2 Magistrates £P.21–1–25	547	531	—	16	32. Change in holder of one post.
33. 4 Magistrates £P.17–½–20	819	929	110	—	33. One was provided for 6 months in 1934/35.
34. 7 Clerks £P.9–½–12	977	995	18	—	34. Increments.
35. 2 Clerks £P.6–½–8	192	192	—	—	
36. Compensatory Allowance	16	16	—	—	
37. 11 Process Servers	528	528	—	—	
38. Orderly	24	24	—	—	
39. Notary Public £P.13–½–16	168	174	6	—	39. Increment.
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS .. .. c.f.	£P.14,557	£P.14,985	£P.491	£P.63	

TRANS-JORDAN ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1935/1936—*continued.*

Head and Sub-head of Expenditure.	*Approved Estimates* 1934/1935.	*Estimates* 1935/1936.	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
HEAD VII.—MINISTRY OF JUSTICE—*continued.*					
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS .. .. b.f.	14,557	14,985	491	63	
B.—Other Charges.					
40. Transport and Travelling	790	790	—	—	
41. Lighting and Heating	70	80	10	—	
42. Contingencies	35	35	—	—	
43. Postage, Telegrams and Telephones	260	300	40	—	
44. Clothing, Process Servers	70	70	—	—	
45. Medico Legal Expenses	450	450	—	—	
46. Tribal Courts	100	75	—	25	
47. Purchase of Books	20	20	—	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	1,795	1,820	50	25	
TOTAL MINISTRY OF JUSTICE	£P.16,352	£P.16,805	£P.541	£P.88	NET INCREASE £P.453.
HEAD VIII.—SHARIA COURTS—					
A.—Personal Emoluments.					
1. Kadi El Kuda .. .. (Vacant)	—	—	—	—	
2. Chief Clerk £P.13-½-16	192	192	—	—	
3. Mudir Aytam £P.13-½-16	165	171	6	—	3. Annual Increment.
4. Clerk £P.6-½-8	96	96	—	—	
5. Orderly .. .. @ £P.3 per mensem	36	36	—	—	
Courts.					
6. 2 Kadis £P.21-1-25	600	600	—	—	
7. 5 Kadis £P.17-½-20	1,167	1,180	13	—	7. Increments.
8. 7 Clerks £P.9-½-12	957	941	—	16	8. Changes in holders of posts.
9. 7 Process Servers	336	336	—	—	
10. Mufti, Amman	96	96	—	—	
11. Mufti, Irbid	88	94	6	—	11. Annual Increment.
12. Compensatory Allowance	47	44	—	3	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	3,780	3,786	25	19	
B. Other Charges.					
13. Transport and Travelling	130	130	—	—	
14. Lighting and Heating	20	20	—	—	
15. Contingencies	7	7	—	—	
16. Postage, Telegrams and Telephones	25	25	—	—	
17. Purchase of Books	—	5	5	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	182	187	5	—	
TOTAL SHARIA COURTS	£P.3,962	£P.3,973	£P.30	£P.19	NET INCREASE £P.11.

TRANS-JORDAN ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1935/1936—*continued*.

Head and Sub-head of Expenditure.	*Approved Estimates 1934/1935.*	*Estimates 1935/1936.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
HEAD IX.—MINISTRY OF FINANCE—	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
A.—Personal Emoluments.					
1. Treasurer £P.48-2-58	651	675	24	—	1. Annual Increment.
2. Financial Adviser .. .. Special	990	990	—	—	
3. 2 Assistant Treasurers £P.26-1-31	729	741	12	—	3. One Annual Increment.
4. Controller of Stores £P.21-1-25	300	300	—	—	
5. 2 Treasury Accountants £P.21-1-25	600	600	—	—	
6. Chief Clerk £P.17-½-20	215	221	6	—	6. Annual Increment.
7. 4 Sub-Accountants £P.17-½-20	859	—	—	859	7. *Vide* items 8 and 9.
8. Assistant Treasurer £P.17-½-20	—	231	231	—	8. From item 7 with increment.
9. 3 Sub-Accountants £P.17-½-20	—	638	638	—	9. From item 7 with 2 increments.
10. 5 Sub-Accountants £P.13-½-16	910	890	—	20	10. Two increments and change of holder of one post.
11. Assistant Sub-Accountant £P.13-½-16	190	192	2	—	11. Increment.
12. 15 Clerks £P.9-½-12	1,874	1,956	82	—	12. Nine increments, change of holder of one post and difference of salaries of new posts provided in 1934/35.
13. 10 Clerks £P.6-½-8	1,032	—	—	1,032	13. *Vide* item 14.
14. 11 Clerks £P.6-½-8	—	962	962	—	14. Five increments, change of holders of three posts and one additional post from 1/10/1935.
15. Reserve Revenue Officer for 3 months @ £P.7 per mensem	21	21	—	—	
16. Orderlies	360	360	—	—	
17. Compensatory Allowance	70	36	—	34	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	8,801	8,813	1,957	1,945	
B.—Other Charges.					
18. Transport and Travelling	550	550	—	—	
19. Lighting and Heating	70	70	—	—	
20. Contingencies	38	38	—	—	
21. Postage, Telegrams and Telephones	400	400	—	—	
22. Cost of Tithe Estimation	60	120	60	—	
23. Cost of Animal Enumeration	1,400	1,350	—	50	
24. Allowance to Registrar of Trade Marks	50	50	—	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	2,568	2,578	60	50	
TOTAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE	£P.11,369	£P.11,391	£P.2,017	£P.1,995	NET INCREASE £P.22.
HEAD X.—CUSTOMS AND EXCISE—					
A.—Personal Emoluments.					
1. Director .. .. Special	1,000	1,000	—	—	
2. Inspector £P.26-1-31	306	318	12	—	2. Increment.
3. Customs and Excise Officer £P.17-½-20	240	240	—	—	
4. Controller of Statistics £P.17-½-20	228	234	6	—	4. Increment.
5. 5 Customs and Excise Officers £P.13-½-16	922	—	—	922	5. *Vide* item 7.
6. Chief Clerk £P.13-½-16	180	—	—	180	6. *Vide* item 7.
7. 6 Customs and Excise Officers £P.13-½-16	—	1,126	1,126	—	7. From items 5 and 6, including increments.
8. 12 Customs and Excise Officers.. .. .. £P.9-½-12	1,587	1,592	5	—	8. } Increment and changes in holders of posts.
9. 7 Customs and Excise Officers £P.6-½-8	640	637	—	3	9. }
10. Compensatory Allowance	40	37	—	3	
11. 2 Head Guards @ £P.6 per mensem each	72	144	72	—	11. Provided for 6 months only in 1934/35.
12. 19 Customs Guards @ £P.5 per mensem each	1,140	1,140	—	—	
13. Apprentice @ £P.3½ per mensem	42	42	—	—	
14. Porters	285	285	—	—	
15. Orderlies and Watchmen	156	156	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	6,838	6,951	1,221	1,108	
B.—Other Charges.					
16. Transport and Travelling	650	730	80	—	
17. Lighting and Heating	35	35	—	—	
18. Contingencies	50	50	—	—	
19. Postage, Telegrams and Telephones	100	100	—	—	
20. Clothing	90	90	—	—	
21. Rewards and Gratuities	200	200	—	—	
22. Banderolles	135	335	200	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	1,260	1,540	280	—	
TOTAL CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT	£P.8,098	£P.8,491	£P.1,501	£P.1,108	NET INCREASE £P.393.

TRANS-JORDAN ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1935/1936—*continued.*

Head and Sub-head of Expenditure.	*Approved Estimates 1934/1935.*	*Estimates 1935/1936.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
HEAD XI.—PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT—					
A.—Personal Emoluments.					
1. Director .. .. Special	750	750	—	—	
2. Chief Clerk £P.17–½–20	228	234	6	—	2. Annual increment.
3. Clerk £P.13–½–16	180	186	6	—	3. Annual increment.
4. Clerk £P.9–½–12	144	144	—	—	
5. Storekeeper £P.9–½–12	72	111	39	—	5. Provided for 8 months only in 1934/35.
6. Ambulance Driver .. .. @ £P.8 per mensem	96	96	—	—	
7. Orderly .. .. @ £P.3 per mensem	36	36	—	—	
Government Hospital, Amman.					
8. Medical Officer £P.26–1–31	372	372	—	—	
9. Dispenser £P.21–1–25	276	288	12	—	9. Annual increment.
10. Matron £P.9–½–12	139	144	5	—	10. Annual increment.
11. 2 Nurses £P.6–½–8	132	171	39	—	11. One post provided for 6 months only in 1934/35.
12. Wardmaid .. .. @ £P.4 per mensem	48	48	—	—	
13. 3 Attendants .. .. .. @ £P.5 per mensem each	180	—	—	180	13. *Vide* item 14.
14. 4 Attendants .. .. .. @ £P.5 per mensem each	—	210	210	—	14. From item 13 and new post from 1/10/1935.
15. Cook, Washerwoman and Orderly	126	126	—	—	
Government Hospital, Irbid.					
16. Nurse £P.6–½–8	84	87	3	—	16. Six months' increment provided, the post being still vacant.
17. Attendant .. .. @ £P.5 per mensem	60	60	—	—	
18. Assistant Dispenser .. .. .. @ £P.5 per mensem	60	60	—	—	
19. Cook, Washerwoman and Servant	108	108	—	—	
Government Laboratory, Amman.					
20. Bacteriologist £P.32–1–37	444	444	—	—	
21. Assistant Bacteriologist £P.9–½–12	144	144	—	—	
Districts.					
22. Medical Officer £P.32–1–37	444	444	—	—	
23. 9 Medical Officers £P.26–1–31	3,260	3,227	—	33	23. Change in holder of one post.
24. 3 Anti-Malarial Inspectors £P.9–½–12	383	395	12	—	24. Two annual increments.
25. Anti-Malarial Inspector £P.6–½–8	96	96	—	—	
26. Anti-Malarial Inspector .. .. .. @ £P.7 per mensem	84	84	—	—	
27. Clerk to Medical Officer, Amman £P.6–½–8	96	96	—	—	
28. Infant Welfare Nurse £P.9–½–12	112	118	6	—	28. Annual increment.
29. Public Health Orderly £P.9–½–12	129	135	6	—	29. Annual increment.
30. 2 Public Health Orderlies .. @ £P.7 per mensem each	168	168	—	—	
31. 4 Public Health Orderlies .. @ £P.6 per mensem each	288	288	—	—	
32. 5 Attendants .. .. .. @ £P.6 per mensem each	360	360	—	—	
33. Compensatory Allowance	26	26	—	—	
34. 2 Watchmen for Amman and Remtha Quarantine Stations ..	72	72	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	9,197	9,328	344	213	
B.—Other Charges.					
35. Transport and Travelling	750	800	50	—	
36. Lighting and Heating	50	50	—	—	
37. Contingencies	20	20	—	—	
38. Postage, Telegrams and Telephones	105	125	20	—	
39. Clothing	100	100	—	—	
40. Treatment of Government Patients in Private Hospitals ..	175	200	25	—	
41. Medical Stores and Equipment	900	1,000	100	—	
42. Epidemic Measures	550	400	—	150	
43. Anti-Malarial Measures	100	100	—	—	
44. Vaccines, Sera, etc.	150	150	—	—	
45. Medical Library	12	12	—	—	
46. Notification of Births and Deaths	180	180	—	—	
47. Dieting, Staff and Patients	400	450	50	—	
48. Subsidy, Es Salt Hospital	396	396	—	—	
49. Colonial Medical Fund	5	5	—	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	3,893	3,988	245	150	
TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT	£P.13,090	£P.13,316	£P.589	£P.363	NET INCREASE £P.226.

TRANS-JORDAN ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1935/1936—*continued*.

Head and Sub-head of Expenditure.	*Approved Estimates* 1934/1935.	*Estimates* 1935/1936.	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
HEAD XII.—EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
A.—Personal Emoluments.					
1. Director £P.38–2–46	552	552	—	—	
2. Inspector £P.26–1–31	372	372	—	—	
3. Inspector £P.21–1–25	252	252	—	—	
4. Chief Clerk £P.17–½–20	240	240	—	—	
5. Accountant £P.9–½–12	144	144	—	—	
6. Clerk £P.9–½–12	143	144	1	—	
7. Storekeeper £P.6–½–8	96	96	—	—	
8. Compensatory Allowance	25	27	2	—	8. Previous provision insufficient.
9. Orderly	36	36	—	—	
Boys' School.					
10. Headmaster £P.21–1–25	288	259	—	29	10. Change of holder of post.
11. 3 Headmasters £P.17–½–20	672	675	3	—	11. Increments and change of holder of one post.
12. 6 Masters £P.17–½–20	1,327	1,317	—	10	12. Increments and changes of holders of posts.
13. 6 Masters £P.13–½–16	1,055	1,013	—	42	13. Increments and changes of holders of posts.
14. 9 Headmasters £P.9–½–12	1,231	1,278	47	—	14. Increments and changes of holders of posts.
15. 15 Masters £P.9–½–12	1,883	2,000	117	—	15. Increments. Two of these posts were provided for 6 months only in 1934/35.
16. 44 Masters £P.6–½–8	3,863	4,009	146	—	16. Increments and change in holders of posts.
17. 31 Village School Masters £P.6–½–8	2,835	2,843	8	—	17. Increments and change in holders of posts.
18. 3 Relieving Masters for 4 Months @ £P.6 per mensem each	72	72	—	—	
19. Compensatory Allowance	126	89	—	37	
20. Orderlies, Servants, etc.	402	402	—	—	
Girls' Schools.					
21. 3 Headmistresses £P.13–½–16	576	576	—	—	
22. 5 Headmistresses £P.9–½–12	571	599	28	—	22. Increments.
23. 10 Mistresses £P.9–½–12	1,224	1,267	43	—	23. Increments and change in holder of one post.
24. 13 Mistresses £P.6–½–8	1,012	1,108	96	—	24. Increments and change in holders of posts. Two of these posts were provided for 6 months only in 1934/35.
25. Compensatory Allowance	14	—	—	14	
26. Servants, etc.	288	300	12	—	26. One servant was provided for 6 months only in 1934/35.
School of Arts and Crafts.					
27. Director £P.17–½–20	240	240	—	—	
28. Master Smith £P.13–½–16	177	183	6	—	28. Annual increment.
29. Master Carpenter £P.9–½–12	144	144	—	—	
30. Instructor, Cane Chair Making £P.6–½–8	83	89	6	—	30. Annual increment.
31. Master Weaver £P.6–½–8	96	76	—	20	31. Change in holder of post.
32. Master Reading and Writing £P.6–½–8	88	75	—	13	32. Change in holder of post.
33. Accountant £P.9–½–12	120	126	6	—	33. Annual increment.
34. Compensatory Allowance	7	7	—	—	
35. Cook, Washerwoman and Servants	210	210	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	20,464	20,820	521	165	
B.—Other Charges.					
36. Transport and Travelling	320	320	—	—	
37. Lighting and Heating	86	86	—	—	
38. Contingencies	62	62	—	—	
39. Postage, Telegrams and Telephones	75	75	—	—	
40. Rations, School of Arts and Crafts	600	600	—	—	
41. Books and School Equipment	950	950	—	—	
42. Stores and Equipment, School of Arts and Crafts	530	600	70	—	42. Temporarily reduced in 1934/35.
43. Water	85	85	—	—	
44. Training School Fees	552	588	36	—	44. Temporarily reduced in 1934/35.
45. Cost of Training 9 Pupils and 2 Teachers in the Kadoorie Agricultural School	604	726	122	—	45. Temporarily reduced in 1934/35.
46. Improvement of School Gardens	50	—	—	50	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	3,914	4,092	228	50	
TOTAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT	£P.24,378	£P.24,912	£P.749	£P.215	NET INCREASE £P.534.

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Head and Sub-head of Expenditure.	*Approved Estimates* 1934/1935.	*Estimates* 1935/1936.	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
HEAD XIII.—AGRICULTURE, FORESTS AND VETERINARY DEPT.—	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
A.—Personal Emoluments.					
1. Director £P.38–2–46	552	552	—	—	
2. Agricultural Assistant £P.21–1–25	300	300	—	—	
3. 2 Agricultural Assistants £P.17–½–20	408	425	17	—	3. Increments and correction of error.
4. Clerk £P.9–½–12	144	144	—	—	
5. 2 Clerks £P.6–½–8	171	180	9	—	5. Increment and correction of error.
6. Orderly	36	36	—	—	
Districts.					
7. 6 Agricultural Officers £P.9–½–12	704	730	26	—	7. Increments.
8. Chief Forest Ranger £P.26–1–31	186	372	186	—	8 } Provided for 6 months only in 1934/35.
9. Leading Forest Ranger £P.9–½–12	54	111	57	—	9 }
10. 10 Forest Guards .. .. @ £P.6 per mensem each	600	600	—	—	
11. Overseer of Gardens £P.17–½–20	204	206	2	—	11 } 4 months' increment provided, both posts being
12. Assistant Overseer of Gardens £P.9–½–12	108	110	2	—	12 } still vacant.
13. 2 Overseers of Experimental Stations @ £P.7 per mensem each	168	168	—	—	
14. Collector of Revenue .. .. .. @ £P.5 per mensem	60	60	—	—	
Veterinary.					
15. Chief Veterinary Officer £P.26–1–31	372	372	—	—	
16. Veterinary Officer £P.21–1–25	263	252	—	11	
17. Assistant Veterinary Officer £P.9–½–12	144	144	—	—	
18. Syce .. .. @ £P.3 per mensem	36	36	—	—	
19. Compensatory Allowance	11	39	28	—	19. Correction of error.
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	4,521	4,837	327	11	
B. Other Charges.					
20. Transport and Travelling	600	725	125	—	20. *Vide* Memorandum.
21. Lighting and Heating	20	25	5	—	21. *Vide* Memorandum.
22. Contingencies	20	20	—	—	
23. Postage, Telegrams and Telephones	45	45	—	—	
24. Clothing	48	48	—	—	
25. Veterinary Stores and Equipment	30	40	10	—	25. *Vide* Memorandum.
26. Pruning and Afforestation	125	125	—	—	
27. Maintenance of Nurseries	300	300	—	—	
28. Labour for Nurseries	400	350	—	50	
29. Maintenance of Experimental Stations	250	250	—	—	
30. Maintenance of El Ghor Nursery	425	400	—	25	
31. Maintenance of School Gardens	400	400	—	—	
32. Purchase of Books	30	15	—	15	
33. Subscription to Locust Control Committee (London) ..	68	68	—	—	
34. Epidemic Measures	307	400	93	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	3,068	3,211	233	90	
TOTAL AGRICULTURE, FORESTS AND VETERINARY ..	£P.7,589	£P.8,048	£P.560	£P.101	NET INCREASE £P.459.
HEAD XIV.—ANTIQUITIES—					
A.—Personal Emoluments.					
1. Director £P.38–2–46	532	489	—	43	1. Change of holder.
2. Inspector .. .. Special	700	700	—	—	
3. Assistant Inspector £P.26–1–31	339	—	—	339	3. *Vide* item 4.
4. Assistant Inspector £P.13–⅓–16	—	159	159	—	4. In lieu of item 3.
5. Assistant Inspector £P.9–⅓–12	143	—	—	143	5. *Vide* item 6.
6. 2 Assistant Inspectors £P.9–⅓–12	—	255	255	—	6. One new post met from savings on items 3–4.
7. Clerk £P.9–⅓–12	126	132	6	—	7. Annual increment.
8. Compensatory Allowance	22	22	—	—	
9. 5 Guards	318	—	—	318	9. *Vide* item 10.
10. 7 Guards	—	426	426	—	10. Two new posts met from savings on items 3–4.
11. Orderly	36	36	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	2,216	2,219	846	843	
B.—Other Charges.					
12. Transport and Travelling	370	430	60	—	12. Due to increase in number of guards.
13. Lighting and Heating	6	8	2	—	13. Present provision insufficient.
14. Contingencies	3	3	—	—	14. Increase in number of guards and present provision insufficient.
15. Clothing	18	45	27	—	15. Present provision insufficient.
16. Postage, Telegrams and Telephones	25	30	5	—	
17. Redemption of Antiquities	10	10	—	—	
18. Books and Publications	20	15	—	5	
19. Conservation	50	50	—	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	502	591	94	5	
TOTAL ANTIQUITIES DEPARTMENT	£P.2,718	£P.2,810	£P.940	£P.848	NET INCREASE £P.92.

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Head and Sub-head of Expenditure.	*Approved Estimates 1934/1935.*	*Estimates 1935/1936.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
HEAD XV.—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P	
A.—Personal Emoluments.					
1. Director £P.48–2–58	696	696	—	—	
2. 3 Technical Assistants £P.26–1–31	1,116	1,116	—	—	
3. 2 Draughtsmen £P.17–½–20	449	454	5	—	3. Increments and correction of error.
4. Chief Clerk £P.17–½–20	228	234	6	—	4. Annual increment.
5. Accountant £P.13–½–16	192	192	—	—	
6. Stores Clerk £P.9–½–12	144	144	—	—	
7. Storekeeper £P.9–½–12	132	138	6	—	7. Annual increment.
8. 3 Clerks £P.9–½–12	392	410	18	—	8. Increment.
9. 2 Clerks £P.6–½–8	184	190	6	—	9. Increment.
10. Compensatory Allowance	50	55	5	—	10. Previous provision insufficient.
11. Orderlies, Porters, etc.	150	150	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	3,733	3,779	46	—	
B.—Other Charges.					
12. Transport and Travelling	700	700	—	—	
13. Lighting and Heating	15	15	—	—	
14. Contingencies	10	10	—	—	
15. Postage, Telegrams and Telephones	100	100	—	—	
16. Drawing Materials	30	30	—	—	
17. Engineering Instruments	20	20	—	—	
18. Purchase of Technical Books	20	20	—	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	895	895	—	—	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	£P.4,628	£P.4,674	£P.46	—	NET INCREASE £P.46.
HEAD XVA.—PUBLIC WORKS RECURRENT—					
1. Maintenance of Government Buildings..	1,900	1,900	—	—	
2. Minor New Works	500	500	—	—	
3. Tools and Equipment	200	200	—	—	
4. Rents	5,450	5,600	150	—	
5. Furniture, Government Offices	200	250	50	—	
6. Furniture, Schools	500	550	50	—	
7. Maintenance of Roads	9,100	9,100	—	—	
8. Maintenance of His Highness's Residence	200	200	—	—	
9. Maintenance and Running of His Highness's Electric Light and Water Supply.	450	450	—	—	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS RECURRENT	£P.18,500	£P.18,750	£P.250	—	NET INCREASE £P.250.
HEAD XVI.—POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT—					
A.—Personal Emoluments.					
1. Postmaster-General £P.38–2–46	552	552	—	—	
2. Inspector £P.17–½–20	226	232	6	—	2. Annual increment.
3. Accountant £P.13–½–16	192	192	—	—	
4. Cashier £P.13–½–16	178	184	6	—	4. Annual increment.
5. Chief Clerk £P.13–½–16	177	183	6	—	5. Annual increment.
6. Accounts Clerk £P.13–½–16	173	179	6	—	6. Annual increment.
7. 2 Accounts Clerks £P.9–½–12	263	258	—	5	7. Increment and change in holder of one post.
8. Storekeeper £P.9–½–12	125	131	6	—	8. Annual increment.
9. 2 Clerks £P.6–½–8	192	—	—	192	9. *Vide* item 10.
10. 3 Clerks £P.6–½–8	—	264	264	—	10. One new post from 1/4/1935.
District Post Offices.					
11. Postmaster £P.17–½–20	216	222	6	—	11. Annual increment.
12. 3 Postmasters £P.13–½–16	519	537	18	—	12. Annual increments.
13. Telegraph and Telephone Overseer £P.13–½–16	177	183	6	—	13. Annual increment.
14. 6 Postmasters £P.9–½–12	779	833	54	—	14. Increments and change in holder of one post.
15. 4 Posts and Telegraph Clerks £P.6–½–8	532	554	22	—	15. Annual increments.
16. 19 Posts and Telegraph Clerks £P.6–½–8	1,676	—	—	1,676	16. *Vide* item 17.
17. 20 Posts and Telegraph Clerks £P.6–½–8	—	1,806	1,806	—	17. One new post from 1/10/1935. Two posts provided for 6 months only in 1934/35.
Engineering.					
18. Technical Assistant £P.21–1–25	300	300	—	—	
19. Technical Officer £P.17–½–20	240	240	—	—	
20. Lines Inspector £P.13–½–16	180	186	6	—	20. Annual increment.
21. 4 Head Linesmen £P.6–½–8	264	342	78	—	21. Two posts provided for 6 months only in 1934/35.
22. 6 Linesmen .. .. .. @ £P.6 per mensem each	432	432	—	—	
23. 21 Linesmen .. .. .. @ £P.5 per mensem each	1,260	1,260	—	—	
24. 5 Apprentices .. .. .. @ £P.3½ per mensem each	210	—	—	210	24. *Vide* item 25.
25. 3 Apprentices .. .. .. @ £P.3½ per mensem each	—	126	126	—	
26. 12 Postmen .. .. .. @ £P.4 per mensem each and 2 Orderlies .. .. @ £P.3 per mensem each	648	648	—	—	
27. Compensatory Allowance	43	43	—	—	
28. Labour	400	350	—	50	28. Temporarily increased in 1934/35.
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS .. .. c.f.	£P.9,954	£P.10,237	£P.2,416	£P.2,133	

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Head and Sub-head of Expenditure.	*Approved Estimates 1934/1935.*	*Estimates 1935/1936.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
HEAD XVI.—POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPT.—*continued.*	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS .. .. b.f.	9,954	10,237	2,416	2,133	
B.—Other Charges.					
29. Transport and Travelling	850	850	—	—	
30. Lighting and Heating	90	90	—	—	
31. Contingencies	35	15	—	20	31. Temporarily increased in 1934/35.
32. Clothing	215	215	—	—	
33. Stores and Equipment	2,050	2,000	—	50	33. Temporarily increased in 1934/35.
34. Transport of Mails	1,030	1,150	120	—	34. Temporarily reduced in 1934/35.
35. Commission to Postal Agents	20	20	—	—	
36. Hedjaz Railway for Ma'an Telephone Line	137	137	—	—	
37. Maintenance of Iraq Telephone Line	100	300	200	—	37. Four months' maintenance charges provided for in 1934/35.
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	4,527	4,777	320	70	
TOTAL POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT ..	£P.14,481	£P.15,014	£P.2,736	£P.2,203	NET INCREASE £P.533.
HEAD XVII.—LANDS DEPARTMENT—					
A.—Personal Emoluments.					
1. Director .. .. Special	1,000	1,000	—	—	
2. 2 Inspectors £P.26–1–31	624	652	28	—	2. Two increments and adjustment of salaries.
3. Chief Clerk £P.17–½–20	204	210	6	—	3. Annual increment.
4. Clerk £P.13–½–16	156	162	6	—	4. Annual increment.
5. 2 Clerks £P.9–½–12	248	260	12	—	5. Annual increment.
6. 4 Computors £P.6–½–8	—	144	144	—	6. New posts from 1/10/1935.
7. Field Allowance	550	500	—	50	
Land Settlement.					
8. Land Settlement Judge £P.32–1–37	576	394	—	182	8. Correct incremental stage of present holder of post.
9. Land Settlement Officer £P.32–1–37	432	444	12	—	9. Annual increment.
10. 2 Deputy Land Settlement Officers £P.21–1–25	504	528	24	—	10. Annual increment.
11. Assistant Land Settlement Officer £P.13–½–16	156	162	6	—	11. Annual increment.
12. Clerk £P.9–½–12	132	138	6	—	12. Annual increment.
Survey.					
13. Director .. .. Special	700	720	20	—	13. Annual increment.
14. Inspector £P.17–½–20	216	222	6	—	14. Annual increment.
15. Assistant Inspector £P.13–½–16	156	162	6	—	15. Annual increment.
16. 18 Surveyors £P.9–½–12	2,340	2,435	95	—	16. Annual increments.
17. Labour	2,890	2,890	—	—	
Land Registry.					
18. Director £P.26–1–31	372	372	—	—	
19. Land Registry Officer £P.17–½–20	240	240	—	—	
20. 2 Land Registry Officers £P.13–½–16	384	384	—	—	
21. 2 Land Registry Officers £P.9–½–12	288	—	—	288	21. *Vide* item 22.
22. 3 Land Registry Officers £P.9–½–12	—	339	339	—	22. Includes provision for a new post from 1/10/1935.
23. Clerk £P.6–½–8	96	96	—	—	
24. Orderlies	144	144	—	—	
25. Compensatory Allowance	30	30	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	12,438	12,628	710	520	
B.—Other Charges.					
26. Transport and Travelling	1,500	1,900	350	—	
27. Lighting and Heating	30	30	—	—	
28. Contingencies	100	100	—	—	
29. Postage, Telegrams and Telephones	50	50	—	—	
30. Technical Equipment	200	300	100	—	
31. Tentage and Camp Equipment	150	150	—	—	
32. Survey Marks	900	900	—	—	
33. Boots for Labourers	100	80	—	20	
34. Printing of Maps	200	200	—	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	3,280	3,710	450	20	
TOTAL LANDS DEPARTMENT	£P.15,718	£P.16,338	£P.1,160	540	NET INCREASE £P.620.

Head and Sub-head of Expenditure.	*Approved Estimates 1934/1935.*	*Estimates 1935/1936.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
HEAD XVIII.—POLICE AND PRISONS—	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
A.—Police—Personal Emoluments.					
1. Commandant £P.850–50–1050	1,050	1,050	—	—	
2. Expatriation Allowance	150	150	—	—	
3. Second in Command and O.C. Desert Patrol .. Special	800	800	—	—	
4. Expatriation Allowance	150	150	—	—	
5. Assistant Commandant £P.550–25–750	725	750	25	—	5. Annual increment.
6. Expatriation Allowance	100	100	—	—	
7. Chief Accountant £P.300–10–550	473	—	—	473	7 } *Vide* item 13.
8. Expatriation Allowance	50	—	—	50	8 }
9. Assistant O.C. Desert Patrol .. .. .. Special	400	400	—	—	
10. Expatriation Allowance	50	50	—	—	
11. One Officer .. .. Special	200	400	200	—	11 } Provided for 6 months only in 1934/35.
12. Expatriation Allowance	25	50	25	—	12 }
13. Chief Accountant £P.26–1–31	—	312	312	—	13. Change in holder of post.
14. 2 Clerks £P.21–1–25	552	552	—	—	
15. Paymaster £P.17–½–20	222	228	6	—	15. Annual increment.
16. Stores Officer £P.17–½–20	240	240	—	—	
17. 4 Clerks £P.13–½–16	678	694	16	—	17. Increments and change in holder of one post.
18. 5 Clerks £P.9–½–12	684	675	—	9	18. Increments and change in holder of one post.
19. 6 Clerks £P.6–½–8	536	539	3	—	19. Increments and change in holder of one post.
20. Power House Mechanic .. .. @ £P.12 per mensem	144	144	—	—	
21. Armourer .. .. @ £P.8 per mensem	96	96	—	—	
22. Saddlers .. .. @ £P.6 per mensem each	144	144	—	—	
23. 14 W/T Operators .. .. @ £P.7 per mensem each	1,176	1,176	—	—	
24. Qaimakam £P.38–2–46	552	552	—	—	
25. Qaid £P.32–1–37	432	444	12	—	25. Annual increment.
26. 3 Wakil Qaids £P.26–1–31	1,080	1,116	36	—	26. Annual increments.
27. 3 Rais £P.21–1–25	900	900	—	—	
28. 16 Mulazim Awal £P.17–½–20	3,840	3,840	—	—	
29. 4 Mulazim Thani £P.13–½–16	654	654	—	—	
30. 3 Cadets .. .. @ £P.10 per mensem each	360	360	—	—	
31. 9 Wakils, 1st Class £P.9–½–12	1,230	1,260	30	—	31. Increments and change in holder of one post.
32. 10 Wakils, 2nd Class .. .. @ £P.9 per mensem each	1,080	1,080	—	—	
33. 43 Naibs .. .. @ £P.7 per mensem each	3,612	3,612	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	£P.22,385	£P.22,518	£P.665	£P.532	
A—Police.					
34. 70 Areefs .. .. @ £P.6 per mensem each	5,040	5,040	—	—	
35. 516 Jundis .. .. .. @ £P.5 per mensem each	30,960	30,960	—	—	
36. 17 Jundis .. .. @ £P.2 per mensem each	408	408	—	—	
37. 6 Cavalrymen .. .. .. @ £P.6 per mensem each	432	432	—	—	
38. 8 Amin Seriya, 1st Class .. .. @ £P.8½ per mensem each	816	816	—	—	
39. 9 Amin Seriya, 2nd Class .. @ £P.7½ per mensem each	810	810	—	—	
40. Imam .. .. @ £P.5 per mensem	60	60	—	—	
41. 3 M.T. Drivers .. .. .. @ £P.12 per mensem each	432	432	—	—	
42. M.T. Driver .. .. @ £P.10 per mensem	120	120	—	—	
43. 4 M.T. Drivers .. .. .. @ £P.9 per mensem each	432	432	—	—	
44. 3 M.T. Drivers .. .. .. @ £P.6 per mensem each	216	216	—	—	
45. 3 M.T. Drivers .. .. .. @ £P.5 per mensem each	180	180	—	—	
46. Desert Allowance	204	204	—	—	
47. 3 Menials for Desert Outposts .. @ £P.1 per mensem each	18	36	18	—	
Urban Police.					
48. Wakil Qaid £P.26–1–31	360	372	12	—	48. Annual increment.
49. Traffic Inspector .. .. £P.290–10–340 Plus 40	380	380	—	—	
50. Legal Adviser £P.21–1–25	300	300	—	—	
51. Mufawad, 1st Class £P.13–½–16	192	192	—	—	
52. 10 Mufawads, 2nd Class .. .. @ £P.8 per mensem each	960	960	—	—	
53. 9 Mufawads, 3rd Class .. .. @ £P.7 per mensem each	756	756	—	—	
54. 75 Constables .. .. .. @ £P.5 per mensem each	5,400	5,400	—	—	
55. 2 Clerks £P.9–½–12	228	228	—	—	
56. Compensatory Allowance	66	66	—	—	
57. Personal Allowance	144	144	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS .. .. c.f.	£P.71,299	£P.71,462	£P.695	£P.532	

TRANS-JORDAN ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1935/1936—*continued.*

Head and Sub-head of Expenditure.	*Approved Estimates* 1934/1935.	*Estimates* 1935/1936.	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
HEAD XVIII.—POLICE AND PRISONS—*continued.*	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS .. .. b.f.	71,299	71,462	695	532	
B.—Other Charges.					
58. Forage Allowance	9,800	10,000	200	—	
59. Clothing, Purchase of	6,600	6,600	—	—	
60. Compensation for loss of Animals	340	340	—	—	
61. Veterinary	35	—	—	35	
62. Equipment	590	590	—	—	
63. Saddlery	560	520	—	40	
64. Transport and Travelling	2,700	2,700	—	—	
65. Furniture	160	170	10	—	
66. Lighting and Heating	500	625	125	—	
67. Secret Service—Police	400	400	—	—	
68. Secret Service—Desert Patrol	1,500	1,500	—	—	
69. Contingencies	125	125	—	—	
70. Pension Contributions	370	335	—	35	
71. Purchase of Water	150	250	100	—	
72. Miscellaneous Stores	150	150	—	—	
73. Cost of Living Allowance	165	141	—	24	
74. Photographic and Finger Print Equipment	45	95	50	—	
75. Postage, Telegrams and Telephones	2,200	2,200	—	—	
76. Tentage	150	200	50	—	
77. Insurance of Stores	41	41	—	—	
78. Petrol and Maintenance of Transport	3,550	3,850	300	—	
79. Upkeep of Wireless	400	400	—	—	
80. Maintenance of Armament	350	200	—	150	
81. Ammunition	550	550	—	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	31,431	31,982	835	284	
TOTAL POLICE	£P.102,730	£P.103,444	£P.1,530	£P.816	NET INCREASE £P.714.
B.—PRISONS: *A.—Personal Emoluments.*					
1. Mulazim Awal £P.17–½–20	240	240	—	—	
2. Mulazim Thani £P.13–½–16	192	192	—	—	
3. 1 Amin Seriya, 1st Class @ £P.8½ per mensem	102	102	—	—	
4. 6 Warders, 1st Class @ £P.8 per mensem each	576	576	—	—	
5. 6 Warders, 2nd Class @ £P.7 per mensem each	504	504	—	—	
6. 1 Wardress @ £P.6 per mensem	72	—	—	72	6. *Vide* item 7.
7. 2 Wardresses @ £P.6 per mensem each	—	108	108	—	7. New post from 1/10/1935.
8. 83 Prison Guards @ £P.5 per mensem each	4,980	4,980	—	—	
9. Personal Allowance	18	18	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	6,684	6,720	108	72	
B.—Other Charges.					
10. Clothing, Prison Personnel	725	725	—	—	
11. Clothing, Prisoners	750	750	—	—	
12. Rations, Prisoners	4,000	4,200	200	—	
13. Transport and Travelling	290	290	—	—	
14. Furniture	130	130	—	—	
15. Equipment	180	180	—	—	
16. Lighting and Heating	210	290	80	—	
17. Contingencies	25	30	5	—	
18. Soap	125	130	5	—	
19. Material for Prison Industries	35	100	65	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	6,470	6,825	355	—	
TOTAL PRISONS	£P.13,154	£P.13,545	£P.463	£P.72	NET INCREASE £P.391.
HEAD XIX.—MISCELLANEOUS—					
1. Typewriters	350	350	—	—	
2. Safes	100	100	—	—	
3. Transport of Specie	75	75	—	—	
4. Contribution to Agricultural Bank	3,500	3,500	—	—	
5. Commission to Stamp Vendors	15	100	85	—	
6. Stamp Dies and Printing of Stamps	70	70	—	—	
7. Pension Contributions to Palestine Government	1,580	600	—	980	
8. Printing and Stationery	3,450	3,450	—	—	
9. Sundries	510	510	—	—	
10. Crown Agents Expenses	200	250	50	—	
11. Repatriation	50	25	—	25	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	£P.9,900	£P.9,030	£P.135	£P.1,005	NET DECREASE £P.870.

TRANS-JORDAN ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1935/1936—*continued.*

Head and Sub-head of Expenditure.	*Approved Estimates 1934/1935.*	*Estimates 1935/1936.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
HEAD XX.—AUDIT DEPARTMENT—	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
A.—Personal Emoluments.					
1. Auditor	200	200	—	—	
2. Chief Examiner £P.48–2–58	696	636	—	60	2. Change in holder of post.
3. Clerk £P.21–1–25	300	300	—	—	
4. 2 Clerks £P.17–½–20	428	440	14	—	
5. 4 Clerks £P.13–½–16	520	642	122	—	5. Increments. One post was provided for 4 months only in 1934/35.
6. 3 Clerks £P.9–½–12	428	401	—	27	6. Increments and change in holders of posts.
7. 6 Clerks £P.6–½–8	484	516	32	—	7. Increments and change in holders of posts of which one was provided for 6 months only in 1934/35.
8. Compensatory Allowance	8	4	—	4	
9. 2 Orderlies @ £P.3 per mensem each	72	72	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	3,134	3,211	168	91	
B.—Other Charges.					
10. Transport and Travelling	397	400	3	—	
11. Lighting and Heating	12	12	—	—	
12. Contingencies	8	8	—	—	
13. Postage, Telegrams and Telephones	25	25	—	—	
14. Share of Expenses of the Home Establishment of the Colonial Audit Department.	59	59	—	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	501	504	3	—	
TOTAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT	£P.3,635	£P.3,715	£P.171	£P.91	NET INCREASE £P.80.
HEAD XXI.—TRIBAL CONTROL BOARD—					
A.—Personal Emoluments.					
1. His Highness the Amir Shakir	840	840	—	—	
2. Clerk £P.13–½–16	156	162	6	—	2. Annual increment.
3. Nominated Member	60	60	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	1,056	1,062	6	—	
B.—Other Charges.					
4. Transport and Travelling	50	50	—	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	50	50	—	—	
TOTAL TRIBAL CONTROL BOARD	£P.1,106	£P.1,112	£P.6	—	NET INCREASE £P.6.
HEAD XXII.—TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE—					
1. One-sixth of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Ordinary Expenditure.	£P.29,387	£P.29,654	£P.267	—	NET INCREASE £P.267.

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TRANS-JORDAN ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1935/1936—*continued*.

Head and Sub-head of Expenditure.	*Original Estimate.*	*Actual Expenditure to 30/9/1934.*	*Estimated Further Expenditure to 31/3/1935.*	*Estimated Expenditure 1935/1936.*	*Remarks.*
HEAD XXIII.—PUBLIC WORKS EXTRAORDINARY—	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
Buildings.					
1. Additions and Improvements to Central Prison and Arab Legion Camp.	2,000	940	460	600	
2. Construction of Barracks for the Arab Legion Detachment in Amman.	100	—	—	100	
3. Repairs to His Highness's Residence	1,000	580	5	100	
4. Repairs to the Governorate at Kerak	1,200	160	30	100	
5. Repairs to the Government Boys School at Kerak	2,000	767	190	400	
6. Construction of Police Post at Najl (near Shobek)	600	—	—	350	
7. Addition of one Room to Wadi Moussa Police Post	100	—	—	100	
8. Construction of Fort at Jafr	1,200	—	—	50	
Roads.					
9. Re-construction of Es Salt–Allenby Bridge Road (Trans-Jordan Government's Share).	22,000	393	3,500	5,000	
10. Improvement of Ma'een Thermal Baths Road	2,000	—	330	—	
Machinery and Plant.					
11. Installation of New Plant for His Highness's Electric Light and Water Supply.	400	—	—	400	
				£P.7,200	
HEAD XXIV.—POLICE AND PRISONS EXTRAORDINARY—					
1. Replacement of 7 Ford Trucks..	2,100	—	—	2,100	
2. Replacement of 1 Ford Saloon	300	—	—	300	
3. Expropriation of Land	150	—	—	150	
				£P.2,550	

HEAD XXV.—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE EXTRAORDINARY—					
1. Expropriation of Land	1,200	—	300	300	
HEAD XXVI.—PUBLIC HEALTH EXTRAORDINARY—					
1. Disinfectors	280	—	—	280	
2. New Chassis for Public Health Ambulance	250	—	—	250	
				£P.530	
HEAD XXVII.—MINISTRY OF FINANCE EXTRAORDINARY—					
1. House and Land Tax Registration : Ajlun, Irbid and Jerash	350	—	—	350	
HEAD XXVIII.—POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS EXTRAORDINARY—					
1. Kerak–Tafila Telephone Line	1,600	—	—	700	
HEAD XXIX.—TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE EXTRAORDINARY—					
1. One-sixth of Capital Works and Special Expenditure ..	3,617	—	—	3,617	
HEAD XXX.—EXPENDITURE FROM COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND					
1. Es Salt–Allenby Bridge Road (Colonial Development Fund Share).	22,000	—	—	8,500	
2. Improvement of Trans-Jordan Water Supply	6,500	4,600	800	1,100	
				£P.9,600	

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GOVERNMENT OF TRANS-JORDAN.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1934.

Liabilities.	£P.	*Mils.*	£P.	*Mils.*
DEPOSITS—				
Customs	138	635		
Municipal	1,814	780		
Execution	758	446		
Orphans' Estates	745	805		
Municipal Water Supply	267	790		
Relief, Southern Districts	97	611		
Relief, Distressed Cultivators	503	306		
Posts and Telegraph Department	1,540	432		
Police and Prisons Fund	108	337		
Village Schools	583	069		
Village Roads	151	538		
Village Water Supply	45	977		
Contractors' and Guarantee Deposits	686	161		
Lands Department (Expropriation and Land Registry)	2,054	823		
School Gardens	223	112		
Sundry Deposits	920	795		
			10,640	617
LOANS—				
Advance by H.M's. Government for Earthquake Relief	9,184	337		
Advance by Palestine Government for Agricultural Loans	21,000	000		
			30,184	337
REMITTANCES	—	—	231	216
EXCESS OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES (Surplus Balance)	—	—	26,047	669
The Surplus Balance includes the sum of £P.183,578 Mils in respect of Colonial Development Fund Grants.				
		£P.	67,103	839

Assets.	£P.	*Mils.*	£P.	*Mils.*
ADVANCES—				
Agricultural Bank	1,000	000		
Earthquake Relief Loans	3,053	161		
His Highness the Emir	2,019	375		
Posts and Telegraph Department	295	770		
Zizia Land Account	500	000		
Hedjaz Nejd Government	1,726	383		
Agricultural Loans	2,385	255		
Village Schools	62	750		
Municipalities	251	805		
Sundry Advances	1,684	850		
			12,979	349
IMPRESTS—	—	—	1,767	362
LOANS—				
Agricultural Bank	—	—	21,000	000
JOINT COLONIAL FUND—			4,000	000
CASH AND BANK BALANCES—				
Balances held locally and with the Crown Agents	—	—	27,357	128
		£P.	67,103	839

Ministry of Finance,
Amman,
Trans-Jordan.

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FINANCIAL ADVISER

GOVERNMENT OF TRANS-JORDAN.

Abstract Account of Receipts and Payments for the year 1933/1934.

Receipts.	*Estimates.*	*Receipts.*		*Over the Estimate.*		*Under the Estimate.*	
	£P.	£P.	Mils.	£P.	Mils.	£P.	Mils.
Balance on 1st April, 1933	—	23,457	038				
Heads of Revenue—							
1. Customs and Excise	70,800	103,530	086	32,730	086	—	—
2. Licences and Taxes, etc.	135,050	101,611	783	—	—	33,438	217
3. Fees of Court or Office, etc.	31,150	30,219	401	—	—	930	599
4. Posts and Telegraph Department ..	13,000	12,621	608	—	—	378	392
5. Revenue from Government Property	3,450	2,972	496	—	—	477	504
6. Interest	800	609	156	—	—	190	844
7. Miscellaneous	7,550	8,905	976	1,355	976	—	—
8. Sale of State Domains	1,000	1,036	966	36	966	—	—
£P.	262,800	261,507	472	34,123	028	35,415	556
9. Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan ..	65,000	65,000	000	—	—	—	—
10. Grant-in-Aidof Trans-Jordan Frontier Force.	33,795	30,898	986	—	—	2,896	014
£P.	361,595	357,406	458	34,123	028	38,311	570
11. Grant from Colonial Development Fund.	—	24,005	705	24,005	705	—	—
£P.	361,595	381,412	163	58,128	733	38,311	570
Advances	—	142,323	349				
Imprests	—	87,354	922				
Deposits	—	361,264	912				
Loans	—	31,184	337				
Remittances	—	375,570	700				
Joint Colonial Fund	—	18,900	000				
Total (including opening balance) ..	£P.	1,421,467	421				

The Treasury,
Amman,
Trans-Jordan.

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Payments.	*Estimates.*	*Payments.*		*Over the Estimate.*		*Under the Estimate.*	
	£P.	£P.	Mils.	£P.	Mils.	£P.	Mils.
Heads of Expenditure—							
1. Civil List	14,565	14,559	554	—	—	5	446
2. Public Debt and Loan Charges ..	591	1,774	429	1,183	429	—	—
3. Legislature	3,872	3,732	760	—	—	139	240
4. Pensions and Gratuities	6,000	7,154	352	1,154	352	—	—
5. Chief Minister and Interior	4,010	3,944	257	—	—	65	743
6. District Administration	10,296	10,000	882	—	—	295	118
7. Ministry of Justice	16,578	16,238	241	—	—	339	759
8. Sharia Courts	3,926	3,876	423	—	—	49	577
9. Ministry of Finance	11,885	11,420	273	—	—	464	727
10. Customs and Excise	8,026	7,831	290	—	—	194	710
11. Public Health Department	12,236	12,118	449	—	—	117	551
11a. Ma'an Quarantine	95	—	—	—	—	95	000
12. Education Department	23,974	23,028	051	—	—	945	949
13. Agriculture, Forests and Veterinary	7,393	5,860	786	—	—	1,532	214
14. Antiquities Department	2,736	2,642	020	—	—	93	980
15. Public Works Department	4,613	4,544	352	—	—	68	648
15a. Public Works Recurrent	18,000	17,976	726	—	—	23	274
16. Posts and Telegraph Department ..	13,634	12,637	000	—	—	997	000
17. Lands Department	14,744	12,668	230	—	—	2,075	770
18. Police and Prisons Department—							
(*a*) Police	101,940	99,639	279	—	—	2,300	721
(*b*) Prisons	13,278	11,929	790	—	—	1,348	210
19. Miscellaneous	8,767	8,528	496	—	—	238	504
20. British Resident	6,619	6,616	085	—	—	2	915
21. Audit Department	3,510	3,384	523	—	—	125	477
22. Tribal Control Board	1,216	1,090	602	—	—	125	398
£P.	312,504	303,196	850	2,337	781	11,644	931
24. Public Works Extraordinary ..	9,026	9,590	520	564	520	—	—
25. Posts and Telegraph Extraordinary ..	2,840	1,691	811	—	—	1,148	189
26. Police and Prisons Extraordinary ..	3,170	2,933	676	—	—	236	324
27. Printing Extraordinary	400	357	098	—	—	42	902
28. Public Health Extraordinary ..	275	—	—	—	—	275	000
29. Write off of Public Moneys	1,158	863	649	—	—	294	351
30. Boundary Commission	965	964	721	—	—	—	279
32. Agriculture, Forests and Veterinary Extraordinary.	650	214	179	—	—	435	821
34. Ministry of Finance Extraordinary ..	—	235	743	235	743	—	—
£P.	330,988	320,048	247	3,138	044	14,077	797
Contribution towards the expenditure of the T.J.F.F.—							
23. Ordinary	30,715	28,719	742	—	—	1,995	258
31. Extraordinary	3,080	2,179	244	—	—	900	756
£P.	364,783	350,947	233	3,138	044	16,973	811
33. Expenditure out of Grants from the Colonial Development Fund.	—	23,822	127	23,822	127	—	—
£P.	364,783	374,769	360	26,960	171	16,973	811
Advances	—	141,323	910				
Imprests	—	87,122	866				
Deposits	—	365,978	193				
Loans	—	32,000	000				
Remittances	—	375,515	964				
Joint Colonial Fund	—	17,400	000				
Balance on 31st March, 1934	—	27,357	128				
Total	£P.	1,421,467	421				

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Treasurer.

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Financial Adviser.

Enclosure 2 in No. 28.

FINANCIAL ADVISER'S MEMORANDUM ON THE ESTIMATES OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE TRANS-JORDAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1935-36.

REVENUE.

Head I. Customs and Excise. Net Increase £P.50.

It is anticipated that the receipts from Customs and Excise in 1934-35 will exceed the approved estimate of £P.80,000, but it is considered inadvisable to estimate for any material increase in 1935-36 as Trans-Jordan has felt the benefit of the large sums disbursed by the 'Iraq Petroleum Company during the last three years, but the period of construction is over and the disbursements of the 'Iraq Petroleum Company in 1935-36 will be limited to the maintenance and operation of the pipe line. This will not call for the employment of local labour on a large scale and unless the harvest of 1935 gives an increased yield to compensate the rural population for the loss of the income which they have derived from the 'Iraq Petroleum Company in recent years, it is not unlikely that there will be a general decline in trade.

It has therefore been decided to estimate on the same basis as the approved Estimates for the present year with the addition of £P.50 under a new Sub-Head (10), Banderolle Duty on Playing Cards. This Banderolle Duty was introduced in October, 1934. Under Sub-Head 7, Miscellaneous Receipts, the actual receipts for the first half of the present financial year indicate the necessity of reducing the estimate by £P.300 and this loss of revenue has been covered by a corresponding increase under Sub-Head 3, Import Duty Collected Locally.

Head II. Licences, Taxes, Etc. Net Decrease £P.100.

The increase under Sub-Heads 2 and 4 and the decrease under Sub-Head 8, are based on the actual receipts in 1933-34 and in the first half of the present financial year.

The estimate of receipts under Sub-Head 9, Animal Tax, has been decreased by £P.2,000. It is feared that the enumeration of animals in 1935 will reveal a further decrease of livestock as it is known that many villagers and tribesmen whose crops failed in 1934, and who were unable to find employment, were forced to sell their animals in order to keep themselves and their families alive.

Sub-Head 10, House and Land Tax, includes 85 per cent of the Tax on property within Municipal Areas which is levied under the House and Land Tax Law, 1925 (Seton 563), and £P.450 on account of arrears of the old Turkish Werko. The decrease of £P.10,000 under this Sub-Head is due to the final abolition of the Turkish Werko, which, together with certain other taxes, has been replaced by the Land Tax (Sub-Head 15).

The estimate of receipts under Sub-Head 11, Stamp Duty, is based on the assumption that the new Stamp Duty Law will be enacted and the Hijaz Stamp Duty and Ottoman Public Debt Stamp Duty (known locally as " Revenue Stamp Duty ") will be abolished. With regard to the decrease of £P.400 under this Sub-Head reference is invited to His Excellency the High Commissioner's despatch No. 138 of the 22nd September, 1934*.

Under Sub-Head 12, Fines and Forfeitures, the increase in the estimate is based on the actual receipts for the first half of the current financial year.

Under Sub-Head 14, Income Tax, the increase of £P.500 is based partly on actuals and partly on anticipated receipts from those members of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force who are liable to the tax under the ruling given in His Excellency the High Commissioner's T. 97/32 of the 20th October, 1934.

Sub-Head 15, Land Tax. Owing to uncertainty of climatic conditions, the poverty of many villagers and tribesmen who have suffered from past crop failures and who will require more than one good year to re-establish them, and the necessity of making allowance for the applications which may be received during the next few months for temporary reductions of the Tax under Article 16 of the Land Tax Law, it has been difficult to form a reliable estimate of the revenue which can be realized from Land Tax in 1935-36.

On the data available at present it is estimated that if it is not necessary to make allowance for remissions on account of crop failures or general poverty it should be possible to collect £P.75,650 out of the assessments of 1935-36. To this figure a sum of £P.2,350 may be added in respect of arrears of the 1934-35 assessments, making a total of £P.78,000.

It has been decided to estimate for the collection of £P.72,000 only so as to provide a margin of £P.6,000 to cover remissions.

* 37796/34 [No. 3] : not printed.

Sub-Head 17, Temettu Tax. This tax was abolished on the 1st April, 1933, and the estimated receipts for 1934-35 represented arrears from previous years. There are no collectable arrears outstanding at the present time.

Sub-Heads 18, Road Tax; 19, Tithe; and 20, Consolidated Tax, are being replaced by the Land Tax, and the estimate of receipts for 1935-36 consists of arrears from 1934-35 and previous years.

Head III. Fees of Court or Office, Etc. Net Decrease £P.50.

The various increases and decreases in the estimate for 1935-36 as compared with the estimate for 1934-35 are, with the exception of Sub-Head 5, Land Registry Fees, based on actuals and do not call for any special comment or explanation.

The increase under Sub-Head 5, Land Registry Fees, is based on the anticipated increase in Land Registry transactions in villages where land settlement has been completed.

Head IV. Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones. Net Increase £P.25.

The revenues of the Department of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones show a steady and satisfactory improvement but it is unfortunate that it is no longer possible to count on any revenue under Sub-Head 8, Transit Charges on the Palestine-'Iraq Overland Mail, as both the Palestine and the 'Iraq Postal Authorities have finally refused to pay transit dues to Trans-Jordan.

£P.530 has been included under Sub-Head 4, and £P.730 under Sub-Head 5, on account of the estimated revenue from the Palestine-Trans-Jordan-'Iraq Telephone and Telegraph service.

Head V. Revenue from Government Property. Net Increase £P.800.

The increase under Sub-Head 1, Rent of Buildings and Land, is not based on an increase in the total revenue from State Domains and merely represents a change in procedure necessitated by the abolition of Tithe following the introduction of the new Land Tax throughout Trans-Jordan.

In the past revenue from Government Land has been collected either in the form of a fixed rental based on a written agreement or by the levy under the old Turkish system of tithe at the rate of 12½ per cent and rental tithe at the rate of 10 per cent. Fixed rentals were brought to account under Sub-Head 1, referred to above. Tithe was brought to account under Head II, under the appropriate Sub-Head " Tithe ", and rental tithe was brought to account under Sub-Head 2 of Head V—Revenue from Government Property.

In future all revenue from Government Land and Buildings will be brought to account under Head V, Sub-Head 1.

Head VI. Interest. Net Decrease £P.290.

The reduction under Sub-Head 1, Interest on Bank Balances, is based on actuals.

Under Sub-Head 2, Interest on Earthquake Relief Loans, the decrease is partly due to the decrease in outstanding loans following repayment or seizure of immovable property in cases of default. Recovery of capital and interest is becoming increasingly difficult at Es Salt owing to the poverty of the debtors.

In 1934-35, Sub-Head 3 represented the interest payable by the Agricultural Bank on the advance made by the Government in 1927-28. This has now been repaid in full.

The estimated receipts under Sub-Head 4 are made up as follows:—

£P.30 on account of unsecured loans issued by the Government in 1931.
£P.700 on account of £P.21,000 advanced to the Agricultural Bank in 1933.
£P.300 on account of £P.8,075 issued by the Government in unsecured forage and seed loans in 1934.

Head VII. Miscellaneous Receipts. Net Decrease £P.474.

Sub-Head 2, Share of Profits, Palestine Currency. It is anticipated that the *ex-gratia* payment to Trans-Jordan in 1934-35 will be £P.9,020 if the figures agreed upon by the Treasurer, Palestine, and the Financial Adviser, Trans-Jordan, are accepted.

Owing to the fact that currency circulation in Palestine is increasing more rapidly than in Trans-Jordan it is unlikely that Trans-Jordan's share of the profits will be maintained at the level of 1934-35 and it has been decided to make a conservative estimate of £P.6,100.

Sub-Head 3, Royalties from Palestine Potash Company. Revenue from this source has been overestimated in the past and the actual receipts during 1933-34 amounted to £P.1,249 only.

The estimate for 1935-36 is £P.1,800.

Head VIII. Sale of State Domains.

The increase of £P.500 is based on the payments due to the Government in respect of sales which have been actually concluded and disposals which the Director of Lands expects to put through during the coming year.

Head XI. Grants from the Colonial Development Fund.

Sub-Head 1 represents the assistance to be given to Trans-Jordan during 1935-36 under the scheme approved in the Secretary of State's despatch No. 135 of the 2nd November, 1934*.

Sub-Head 2 represents the assistance to be given to Trans-Jordan under Part 2 of the scheme approved in the Secretary of State's despatch No. 150 of 19th October, 1933†.

EXPENDITURE.

The following information is submitted in respect of increases and other changes in the Departmental Estimates which could not be fully explained in the marginal notes under " Remarks ".

Head I. The Civil List.

The increased provision under item 1 (*b*) is required to meet the proposal to increase His Highness the Amir Talal's Allowance, which formed the subject of the correspondence ending with His Excellency the Acting High Commissioner's letter No. T.C/95/34‡ addressed to the British Resident.

The provision of £P.50 under item 10, Transport and Travelling, is for the payment of subsistence Allowance to and expenses incurred by members of His Highness's official staff (items 2-6) when travelling on duty. This was provided for in the original estimates for 1934-35 but was deleted as a temporary economy when the estimates were revised.

Head II. Public Debt and Loan Charges.

Item 1 represents the interest payable on the money advanced by His Majesty's Government in 1927 for issue in Earthquake Relief Loans.

Item 2 represents the estimated amount of the interest payable to the Government of Palestine in respect of the advances of £P.21,000 and £P.8,075 which were made to Trans-Jordan in 1933-34 and 1934-35 respectively, for issue in Agricultural Loans.

Item 3 represents the payment due to Palestine under the scheme sanctioned in the Secretary of State's telegram No. 26 of the 5th of April, 1934§.

Head III. Legislative Council.

The changes under items 1-2-3, which result in a considerable saving, arise from the decision of the present Government to dispense with a nominated member on the Executive Council.

Head IV. Pensions and Gratuities.

The increase under item 1, Pensions, is required to meet present commitments and to provide for new pensions which may be granted during the coming year. A nominal roll of pensioners and persons in receipt of retired pay, showing the amount payable to each, is appended hereto.

Head V. Chief Minister and Interior.

The increases under items 10 and 11 of other charges are based on the actual and unavoidable expenditure incurred during the present financial year.

Head VI. District Administration.

Under items 3-4 the post of Mudir Mahiya of Akaba has been abolished in order to meet the urgent need for economy.

Item 13, Postage, Telegrams and Telephones, has been increased on the basis of the present year's expenditure.

Head VII. Ministry of Justice.

The provisions under items 41 and 43 of Other Charges has been increased as the provision for previous years has not been sufficient to meet unavoidable commitments.

Head VIII. Sharia Courts.

A new item, 17, Purchase of Books, has been inserted in the Estimates for 1935-36. The absence of such provision in previous years has been a source of complaint and it is felt that the provision of the modest sum of £P.5 is fully justified.

* 37793/2/34 [No. 16]: not printed.
‡ *See* 37745/34 [No. 9]: not printed.
† 17793/1/33 [No. 14]: not printed.
§ 37793/34 [No. 17]: not printed.

Head IX. Ministry of Finance.

Under item 14 provision has been made for one additional revenue clerk at £P.6-½-8 per mensem. This post is urgently required for the Sub-Accountant's Office at Tafila. At the present time the Sub-Accountant has no staff to assist him and he has to carry out the duties of Sub-Accountant, Cashier and revenue clerk and he is also called upon to attend meetings of the Mejlis Idara (Administrative Council) of the district. It is not possible for one man to carry out all these duties satisfactorily and furthermore the office automatically ceases to function if the Sub-Accountant is ill. A post of revenue clerk existed at Tafila at one time but was abolished as a measure of economy at a time when the Tafila district suffered a succession of crop failures which resulted in a decrease of work since there was little or no money to be collected. Conditions are now normal and the work in the Sub-Accountant's Office has again increased.

The increase under item 22 has been provided as a precautionary measure as it may be necessary to carry out tithe estimation in the Shera Lands in the Ma'an district. Land Tax has not, so far, been assessed on the Shera lands. It is possible that the full amount of the provision may not be spent but the inclusion in the Estimates of an adequate sum is advisable.

Head X. Customs and Excise.

The increase of £P.80 under item 16, Transport and Travelling, is for forage allowance payable to certain mounted guards whose posts have hitherto remained vacant and who are to take up their duties in 1935-36.

The increased provision for banderolles under item 22 arises from the fact that the Director of Customs agreed to a temporary reduction in 1934-35 to assist the Government in balancing the Budget. The reserve stock will be practically exhausted by the end of the present year and full provision is therefore necessary for 1935-36.

Head XI. Public Health Department.

Under item 14 provision has been made for one additional male attendant at a salary of £P.5 per mensem for the Government Hospital, Amman, as it has been found that the present staff is inadequate.

The increases under items 35, Transport and Travelling; 38, Postage, Telegrams and Telephones; 40, Treatment of Government Patients in Private Hospitals; and 47, Dieting Staff and Patients, have been asked for by the Director of Public Health on the grounds that the present provision is insufficient. The small increases provided for are fully justified.

Item 41, Medical Stores and Equipment, has been increased by £P.100. Of this increase £P.50 is for work amongst the Bedu and £P.50 for the Government Hospitals and Clinics.

Head XIII. Agriculture, Forests and Veterinary.

Item 20, Transport and Travelling. As active member of the Appeal Committee under the Land Tax Law, the Director is called upon to perform a number of journeys to outlying villages, and the new posts of Chief Forest Ranger and Leading Forest Ranger, authorized in the Secretary of State's telegram No. 57 of the 11th September, 1934*, have increased the charges on the Transport and Travelling vote.

The present provision under items 21 and 25 is insufficient.

The reserve for Epidemic Measures under item 34 has been increased by £P.93 to £P.400.

Head XIV. Antiquities.

Mr. R. Head has been transferred from the post of Assistant Inspector of Antiquities (item 3) to the Department of Agriculture and Forests under authority of the Secretary of State's telegram No. 57 of 11th September, 1934*, and it was originally intended that he should be replaced by a new Assistant Inspector at the same salary (£P.26-1-31 per mensem). The Inspector of Antiquities, Mr. Horsfield, has now recommended that the new Assistant Inspector should only receive £P.13-½-16 per mensem (*vide* item 4) and that the difference between the old and new grades should be utilized to provide for an additional Junior Inspector at £P.9-½-12 (item 6) and to increase the number of Antiquity Guards (item 10). Mr. Horsfield is of opinion that this will provide more adequate protection for the valuable antiquity sites of Trans-Jordan at a very slight increase in the total cost of the Department, i.e., £P.36 per annum under Personal Emoluments and £P.87 under items 12 and 15 of Other Charges.

* 37740/34 [No. 4]: not printed.

Head XV-A. Public Works Recurrent.

The increase of £P.150 under item 4, Rents, is required to cover existing commitments.

Items 5 and 6, Furniture for Government Offices and Schools, have been cut down during the last few years owing to the urgent need for temporary economies. The time has now come when the Departments and Schools cannot carry on with the very small sums allotted to them and it is essential that the provision should be increased.

Head XVI. Posts and Telegraphs.

Item 10 provides for one additional clerk at £P.6-½-8 per mensem. The work at the General Post Office is increasing and additional staff is necessary.

Item 17 provides for one additional Posts and Telegraph clerk at £P.6-½-8 to deal with the increase in Telephone Traffic.

In order to cover a part of the cost of these new posts the number of Apprentices has been reduced from 5 to 3 (*vide* items 24-25).

Head XVII. Lands Department.

Item 6, 4 Computers. The work of Land Settlement and the consequent preparation of large-scale maps involves a considerable amount of area computation work. Moreover it is certain that the work of Land Settlement will extend over a period of many years and it is therefore advisable that a permanent staff should be employed to carry out the work of area computation.

Items 21 and 22, Land Registrar—Ajlun. The Turkish Government instituted a system of Land Registration in Ajlun in the latter part of the nineteenth century. Owing to the necessity of transactions having to be carried out at Irbid, a distance of 73 kilos from Ajlun, the people ignored the registers and resorted to unofficial sales. The work of Land Settlement has been commenced in Ajlun and two villages, covering an area of 80,000 dunums, have been completed.

It is essential that there should be no risk of a continuance of unofficial sales and that every facility should be given to the people to effect land transfers in the simplest manner. A Land Registry office is to be opened in Ajlun during the coming financial year and it is therefore necessary to provide for the post of Registrar in the Estimates.

Item 26, Transport and Travelling. The present provision is insufficient and the Director of Lands states that he will require a supplementary appropriation of £P.300 in the present year and that he anticipates a further increase in expenditure in 1935-36.

The increase of £P.100 under item 30 is required for the renewal of unserviceable equipment.

Head XVIII. Police and Prisons.

A—Police.

Items 7-8 and 13. In the course of the present financial year Mr. Howes, Chief Accountant of the Arab Legion, was transferred to the Audit Department and was replaced by his former assistant, who will receive a lower rate of pay than Mr. Howes.

The increases under items 58, 65, 66, 71 and 73 are based on the expenditure for the first half of the present financial year, which indicates that the present provision is insufficient.

The increase of £P.50 under item 74 is for the purchase of special photographic equipment.

The increase of £P.300 under item 78 is required for the maintenance of the three Police Reserve Cars which were sanctioned under Head XXV, item 3, of the approved Estimates for 1934-35.

B—Prisons.

Item 7 provides for one additional wardress for the women's prison at Irbid. The construction of accommodation at Irbid for female prisoners was provided for under Head XXIII, item 19, of the approved Estimates for 1934-35, and it is most undesirable that female prisoners should be placed in the sole charge of male warders.

The increase under item 12 is necessitated by an increase in the number of prisoners and by a recommendation made by the Public Health Department in regard to the feeding of prisoners awaiting trial.

Items 16, 17 and 18 have been increased because it is apparent that the present provision is insufficient.

Item 19 has been increased to allow of some improvement in this very useful branch of prison work.

Head XIX. Miscellaneous.

The increases provided for under items 5 and 10 are based on the expenditure in 1933-34 and the first half of 1934-35.

With regard to the decrease under item 7, Pension Contributions to the Palestine Government, the provision was temporarily increased in 1934-35 to meet the liability for arrears of pension contribution in respect of the clerical staff of the British Resident's Office. The Secretary of State's Confidential despatch of the 10th of September, 1934, refers*.

Head XX. Audit Department.

With regard to item 5, reference is invited to His Excellency the High Commissioner's despatch No. 150 of the 10th October, 1934†.

Head XXIII. Public Works Extraordinary.

The provision under items 1, 3, 4 and 5 is for the continuation of approved works.

Item 2 provides for the construction of accommodation for the rural Police of the Amman district.

Item 6: The Officer Commanding Arab Legion attaches great importance to the establishment of a Police Post at Nejl in the Shobek area, and as suitable accommodation is not available the construction of this post by the Public Works Department is necessary.

Item 7: The present accommodation at Wadi Mussa is inadequate.

Item 8: The Officer Commanding the Arab Legion and the Officer Commanding the Desert Patrol both attach considerable importance to the construction of a fort at El Jafr, east of Ma'an, and it is intended that this work should be undertaken as soon as funds permit. In the meantime the Officer Commanding the Desert Patrol has undertaken to provide prison labour for the preparation of lime and sand and the quarrying of stone. The Department of Public Works will supply tools and other equipment and it is for this purpose that the sum of £P.50 has been provided in the Estimates for 1935-36.

Item 9: In the approved Estimates for 1934-35 the estimated total cost of reconstructing the Es Salt-Allenby Bridge road was shown as £P.35,000. The revised scheme approved in the Secretary of State's despatch No. 135 of the 2nd November, 1934‡, is based on a total estimate of £P.44,000, of which 50 per cent is to be borne by Trans-Jordan and 50 per cent by the Colonial Development Fund. Consequently the total estimated cost which is now shown against this item of the Public Works estimates has been limited to the total amount payable from Trans-Jordan funds, viz., £P.22,000, and the remaining £P.22,000 is shown under item 1 of Head XXX, " Expenditure from Colonial Development Fund Grants ".

Item 10: It has not been possible to provide for any work on the Zerka Ma'een road in 1935-36 but it is hoped that it may be possible to resume work in 1936-37.

Head XXIV. Police and Prisons Extraordinary.

Items 1 and 2, Replacement of Cars. The following memorandum on this subject has been submitted by the Officer Commanding the Arab Legion:—

" Experience gained over a period of 4 years has proved that cars in the desert enjoy a life of only 18 months' usefulness. Beyond that date, they are continually unserviceable, and the cost of repairing them becomes uneconomical.

" In 1933-34 the sum of £P.2,070 was provided for renewal of vehicles. During the present financial year only £P.1,450 was provided, and when we came to ascertain this year's prices, we found that this sum would only provide 5 new cars.

" Now if each car lasts 18 months, and the establishment is 10 cars, we want 7 new cars each year. We really ought to have 9 next year as we are only getting 5 this year. To prevent too great an increase, however, we are asking for only 7 new trucks, which is below what experience has shown to be necessary. We also want a new officer's car, as we are not getting one this year."

Item 3, Expropriation of Land. The Arab Legion Reserve barracks are situated at the bottom of a valley and there is only one suitable piece of land available for use as a parade ground. This land is leased by the Arab Legion, but the position is unsatisfactory as the owner may at any time increase the rent or even refuse to renew his agreement with the Arab Legion. The sum of £P.150 has been provided for the expropriation of the land in question.

Head XXV. Department of Agriculture Extraordinary.

Reference is invited to the memorandum‖ submitted with the revised Estimates for 1934-35.

Head XXVI Public Health Extraordinary.

Item 1 provides for the purchase of 2 stationary and 2 portable disinfectors. The number of disinfectors available at present would not be sufficient to enable the Department of Public Health to deal with serious outbreaks of epidemic diseases.

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* 37766/34 [No. 14]: not printed.
† 37737/34 [No. 1]: not printed.
‡ 37793/2/34 [No. 16]: not printed.
‖ Enclosure 2 in No. 39 in Middle East No. 51.

Item 2 is for the replacement of the present ambulance chassis which has seen many years' service. A new body is not required.

Head XXVII. Ministry of Finance Extraordinary.

The provision made under this Head is for the registration and valuation of properties in the Municipal areas of Ajlun, Irbid and Jerash, under the House and Land Tax Law, 1925 (Seton 563).

Head XXVIII. Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary.

The provision under this Head is for the purchase of stores for the Kerak-Tafileh section of the Amman-Ma'an Telegraph and Telephone line. It is hoped that it will be possible to carry out the work of construction in 1935-36.

Head XXX. Expenditure from Colonial Development Fund Grants.

Item 1: This provision is in accordance with the scheme approved in the Secretary of State's despatch No. 135 of the 2nd November, 1934*.

Item 2: Provides for Part 2 of the scheme approved in the Secretary of State's despatch No. 150 of the 19th October, 1933†, and for the revote of £P.150 under Part 1 of the same scheme.

Enclosure 3 in No. 28.

THE BRITISH RESIDENT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(No. 4896.)

YOUR EXCELLENCY, 24th November, 1934.

I have the honour to refer to the Secretary of State's telegram No. 65 of the 16th of October, 1934‡, on the subject of the Estimates of Trans-Jordan Administration, and to submit herewith the Estimates for the financial year 1935-36 in the following form, together with a memorandum prepared by the Financial Adviser in which he explains the various changes as compared with the approved Estimates for 1934-35:—

(*a*) An Abstract Statement of the Estimated Revenue.
(*b*) An Abstract Statement of the Estimated Expenditure.
(*c*) A Summary showing the Estimated Surplus at the 31st of March, 1936.
(*d*) Detailed Schedules of Estimated Revenue.
(*e*) Detailed Schedules of Estimated Expenditure.
(*f*) A Nominal Roll of Pensioners in support of the increased provision for Pensions.
(*g*) A Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st March, 1934.

2. The Estimated Expenditure, excluding the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force and Expenditure out of Grants from the Colonial Development Fund, is £P.330,890, and the Estimated Revenue, excluding Grants, is £P.271,050, leaving a deficit of £P.59,840; but the receipts from Colonial Development Fund Grants are estimated to be £P.150 less than expenditure from such grants, which brings the total deficit for the financial year 1935-36 to £P.59,990.

Your Excellency will see from enclosure C that the estimated surplus at 31st March, 1935, does not exceed the normal working balance of £P.4,000. It will consequently be necessary to meet the whole of the deficit of £P.59,990 in the Estimates for the financial year 1935-36 by a Grant-in-Aid from His Majesty's Government. I have provided for a Grant-in-Aid of £P.60,000, which will result in an estimated surplus at 31st March, 1936, of £P.4,010.

3. The figures of the approved Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure shown in the appropriate columns of the Abstracts and the detailed Schedules are those approved by the Secretary of State in his despatch Trans-Jordan, Confidential, of the 15th of June, 1934§, and subsequently amended with due authority; the details of these amendments will be explained in a few days time when the report on the current Estimates, as passed by the Legislative Council, is furnished.

The figures shown in the Abstracts of Revenue and Expenditure under the column " Forecast of Expenditure for 1934-35 " represent the latest forecast.

4. I enclose a schedule of increases asked for by the Officer Commanding the Arab Legion, together with a copy of the Officer Commanding the Arab Legion's letter referred to therein. This is submitted so that Your Excellency may be aware of the Officer Commanding the Arab Legion's requirements, which cannot be provided for without additional financial assistance from His Majesty's Government.

* 37793/2/34 [No. 16]: not printed.
‡ 37803/34 [No. 1]: not printed.
† 17793/1/33 [No. 14]: not printed.
§ No. 49 in Middle East No. 51.

5. Your Excellency will perceive that under Head XXVIII a sum of £P.700 has been provided for continuing the construction of the Kerak-Tafila telephone line as part of the system which will eventually link Amman with Ma'an through Madaba, Kerak and Tafila.

One of the recommendations of the Committee which was appointed by His Highness the Amir, with Your Excellency's concurrence, to study the Economic Situation in Trans-Jordan, was that an Agricultural Experimental Station should be set up at a capital cost of £P.3,942 and at a recurrent cost for a full year of £P.1,186.

Your Excellency has expressed your readiness to forward a proposal that the capital cost of this undertaking should be provided from the Colonial Development Fund, but unfortunately it has been found impossible to provide the whole of the recurrent cost in the 1935-36 Estimates. If, however, provision is made for six months only (i.e., as from 1st of October, 1935) and if the salaries of the technical officers are provided at a reduced rate, the recurrent cost for 1935-36 can be reduced to £P.700, as follows:—

	£P.
Technical Officer at £P.17-20 for six months	102
Technical Officer at £P.9-12 for six months	54
Three Labourers at £P.3 for six months	54
Day Labourers	265
Fodder for animals	90
Seed for sowing	60
Tools, etc.	20
Miscellaneous	55
	£P.700

I therefore recommend that if Your Excellency agrees the provision of £P.700 under Head XXVIII be deleted and provision of £P.700 be made under Head XIII instead, for the recurrent expenses of the Experimental Station.

6. In conclusion I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Executive Council are in agreement with the Estimates as now forwarded.

I have, &c.,
C. H. F. Cox,
British Resident.

His Excellency
The High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan,
Jerusalem.

SCHEDULE OF INCREASES AND NEW SERVICES ASKED FOR BY THE OFFICER COMMANDING THE ARAB LEGION WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT ESTIMATES FOR 1935-36.

	£P.
A. Ordinary Expenditure:	
A—Personal Emoluments—	
2 W/T Supervisors at £P.12 per mensem	288
3 Additional W/T Operators at £P.7 per mensem	252
Desert Allowance for W/T Operators	96
17 Junood at £P.5 per mensem	1,020
5 Urban Police at £P.6 per mensem	360
Other Charges—	
Clothing for above	225
Saddlery for above	125
Equipment for above	70
Forage for above	390
Maintenance of 2 new W/T Sets (shown below under Extraordinary)	100
	£P.2,926

Explanatory Note.—The increases under W/T personnel are designed to bring the establishment up to the strength shown in the enclosed copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding the Arab Legion.

The Officer Commanding the Arab Legion proposes to use 10 of the 17 Junood for work on the Palestine frontier in connexion with illegal immigration into Palestine. The remaining seven will be attached to the Desert Patrol for the post at el Jafr (east of Ma'an).

The increase of 5 Constables in the Urban Police is asked for to meet the growth of Amman town. Three of these men will, when necessary, be detailed to drive the Police Reserve Cars which were authorized in 1934-35.

B. Extraordinary:

1. Two new W/T Sets are required to complete the Establishment shown in the enclosed copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding the Arab Legion — Cost: £P.420

2. One W/T engine and 10 seventy-feet masts are required to comply with certain recommendations made by the Royal Air Force £P.400

17/2/3279.

THE FINANCIAL ADVISER, AMMAN, 22nd October, 1934.

The following is the Wireless Scheme of the Arab Legion:—

Place.		*Supervision.*	*Operators.*	
Aqaba	Existing in 1934		1	
Rum			1	
Mudawara			1	
Bair			1	
Azraq			1	
Mobile			1	
Amman		1	2	Control Station.
Juffar	1934-35 Budget		1	
Gharandel			1	
Ma'an		1	2	Sub-Control Station.
El Guera	1935-36 Budget		1	
Esh Shobek			1	
Reserve Operators, under Training, etc.			3	
			17	

The W/T at Shobek will be moved so soon as the telephone arrives there. In winter it will be in Tubaik and in summer at Hazim.

(Sgd.) PEAKE,
Al Fariq Officer Commanding Arab Legion.

Enclosure 4 in No. 28.

NOMINAL ROLL OF PENSIONERS AS AT 20TH NOVEMBER, 1934.

Name.	*District.*	*Salary per mensem.* £P.Mils.	*Compensatory Allowance.* £P.Mils.
Zarifeh, mother of Jundi Mohammed Ali ...	*Es-Salt*	0.300	0.008
Sarah, daughter of Omar Abu Bakr	,,	0.500	0.013
Heirs of Ahmed Abdul Muhdi	,,	1.849	—
Heirs of Jundi Mussa Odeh	,,	1.000	0.026
Abdul Fattah el Rashdan	,,	10.000	0.256
Ahmed Mufaddi el Nijdawi	,,	1.708	—
El Sheikh Fihmi Zeid	,,	3.440	—
Rashid Pasha el Madfa'i	,,	20.979	—
Heirs of Jamil el Hadeedi	,,	2.445	—
Fatimeh, daughter of Musrafa el Rashdan ...	,,	0.500	—
Mohammed ibn el Jundi Abdil Kadir	*Jerash*	0.500	—
Azeezih, daughter of Nabhan el Kassem	,,	0.500	—
Heirs of Abdul Azeez Zakaria	,,	1.600	—
Heirs of Mohammed Shukri 'Atbeeleh	,,	2.400	—
Heirs of Mahmoud Abu Ras	*Irbid*	8.000	0.206
Fleieh el Abdullah	,,	0.490	0.013
El Abd Shihadeh	,,	0.450	0.012
Khalil el Awath	,,	1.050	0.027
Fandi el Barakat	,,	1.050	0.027
Awath el Ibrahim	,,	0.750	0.019
Ibrahim el Ahmed	,,	0.750	0.019
Faleh el Awath	,,	0.450	0.012
Thurayeh, daughter of Zaid es Sa'd	,,	0.310	0.008
Habsa, mother of Nejib es Sa'd	,,	1.100	0.029

Name.	*District.*	*Salary per mensem.*	*Compensatory Allowance.*
Abboud Sweis	*Irbid*	0.450	0.012
Heirs of Abdo ibn Abdulla el Oglah	,,	1.600	—
Mustafa el Mutawali	,,	0.800	0.020
Ali Khulki Pasha	,,	14.968	—
Heirs of Ahmed Muhawish	,,	1.200	—
Saleh el Mustafa	,,	8.037	—
Najib el Hmoud	,,	10.598	—
Ali Niazi	,,	12.550	—
Hassan Mohammed	*Jebel Ajlun*	0.450	0.012
Ahmed Fleihan	,,	0.300	0.008
Suleiman ibn Yousef el Odat	*Kerak*	1.168	—
Mohammed ibn Suleiman el Kurdi	,,	4.136	—
Jadallah el Kattan	,,	7.500	—
Khalil Ibrahim	,,	2.942	—
Asakir, daughter of Jundi Mohammed Ali ...	,,	0.400	—
Khalil ibn Mustafa	,,	0.170	0.004
Heirs of Rashid Abu Ajjaj	,,	0.800	—
Heirs of Hussein el Keraki	,,	1.200	—
Yousef ibn el Jundi Salim Thiab	,,	0.400	—
El Sheikh 'Aref Tahboub	,,	4.530	—
Hussein Pasha el Tarawneh	,,	4.487	—
Itawi Pasha el Mejalieh	,,	8.750	—
Mirum, daughter of Badawi el Lahham	,,	0.400	—
Ithhabeh el Halasah	,,	0.500	—
Yousef ibn Jaber	,,	2.375	—
Saleh Pasha el 'Oran	*Tafileh*	7.500	—
Abdul Nabi el Khatib	,,	1.709	—
Saleh Pasha el Mahasneh	,,	1.950	0.050
Hamid Abdul Azeez	*Ma'an*	2.000	0.051
Heirs of Jundi Da'man	,,	0.800	—
Michael Hashal	*Madeba*	1.666	—
Heirs of Salim Salameh et Twal	,,	1.200	0.030
Omar Hikmat Bey	*Amman*	13.000	—
Heirs of Ahmed Tewfic	,,	5.000	0.128
Heirs of Yahya Bey	,,	3.633	—
Heirs of Ahmed es Said	,,	1.200	—
Heirs of Abdul Hadi Mismar	,,	0.800	—
Heirs of Ali Dahhaj	,,	0.320	0.008
Heirs of el Shurti Fayyath	,,	1.000	—
Fatimeh Khatoon, mother of el Naib Ya'coub ...	,,	0.252	—
Heirs of Jundi Sultan Ismail	,,	1.600	—
Si'da, daughter of Hassan	,,	1,075	—
Heirs of Mohammed Ibrahim es Somali	,,	1.000	—
Heirs of Mussa Zuwar Bek	,,	1.000	0.026
Hanifeh, wife of Kaid Mustafa	,,	0.344	—
Mirum, daughter of Jundi Saleh	,,	0.500	—
Heirs of Faris Mohammed el Khalil	,,	1.200	—
Heirs of Subhi Abu Rashid	,,	0.400	—
'iesheh Jum'a, wife of Kamil Mustafa	,,	3.122	—
Heirs of Abdel Latif es Safadi	,,	1.260	—
Heirs of Kamal Salah	,,	1,545	—
Sabha, daughter of Mussa Mohammed	,,	0.500	—
Heirs of Abdullah el Gaisi	,,	2.000	—
Khairieh, wife of Mohammed Amin	,,	0.500	—
Nu'man ibn Mohammed	,,	1.847	—
Ibrahim Mazhar	,,	4.143	—
Saleh el Hindawi	,,	6.494	—
El Sheikh Abdulla Sarraj	,,	40.000	—
Hassan Abu Rassa'	,,	2.830	0.072
Heirs of Tahir Abul Toyoor	,,	2.124	0.044
Heirs of Ahmed el Kaid	,,	11.500	0.295
Adib Bek el Kaid	,,	10.500	—
Abdul Salam Bek Kamal	,,	14.420	—

Name.	District.	Salary per mensem.	Compensatory Allowance.
Sabri el Ja'ooni	Amman	4.100	—
Salim el Mazloom	,,	10.333	—
Said el Baba	,,	2.500	0.064
Heirs of Ghalib Pasha es Shi'lan	,,	8.427	—
Awath el Kurdi	,,	2.000	0.051
Riza Tewfic	,,	20.181	—
Tewfic Arabi	,,	4.102	—
Hassan Khalid Pasha	,,	37.033	—
Omar Lutfi	,,	13.500	—
Heirs of Mirza Pasha	,,	6.900	—
Abdul Hadi Arab	,,	8.500	—
Heirs of Ali el Charkas	,,	2.522	—
Heirs of Ahmed Nimr es Shihabi	,,	2.584	—
Ismail Ali	,,	3.527	—
Murad Omar Mustafa	,,	3.000	—
Mohammed Aref Toukan	,,	9.705	—
Ibrahim Fouzi	,,	3.077	—
Ismail Zuhdi	,,	7.870	—
Heirs of Suleiman el Khatib	,,	2.628	—
Younis Yousef	,,	1.400	—
El Haj Ahmed Ez Zagheh	,,	6.054	—
Heirs of Mohammed Mukhtar	,,	1.200	—
Fatimeh, daughter of Mussa el Hilal	,,	0.400	—
Heirs of el Haj Mohammed el Batoomi	,,	1.278	—
Kanj esh Shihabi	,,	1.750	—
Heirs of Najib Demashkieh	,,	1.230	—
GRAND TOTAL ...		470.567	1.550

37803/34 [No. 13]. No. 29.

COLONIAL OFFICE

to

TREASURY.

[*Answered by No. 33.*]

SIR, Downing Street, S.W.1, 19th January 1935.

I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to refer to the letter from this Department of the 23rd November 1934*, regarding the Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Administration for the year 1935-36, and to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, a copy of a despatch† (with its enclosures) from the High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan, transmitting the detailed Estimates of the Administration for the coming financial year.

2. The High Commissioner emphasizes that the draft Estimates as forwarded represent a stand-still budget, necessitated by the prolonged and still prevailing condition of economic depression in Trans-Jordan. It is clear, not only from the comments made in this despatch and from an examination of the Estimates, but also from semi-official correspondence with the authorities at Jerusalem, that it has been necessary to omit from the Estimates a considerable number of urgently needed services of a social character and the Estimates have been framed on the basis of maintaining the present standard of administration and nothing more. The High Commissioner, however, proposes to submit in the near future certain modest proposals for development, and these it is hoped to bring before the Colonial Development Advisory Committee with a view to assistance being obtained from that source.

* 37803/34 [No. 3]: not printed. † No. 28.

3. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister has the following comments to make upon the Estimate of Revenue.

Head II, Item 15.

It was decided when the Estimates were in preparation, to estimate for the collection of £72,000 only from Land Tax. This figure was based on the assumption that taxation amounting to at least £6,000 would have to be remitted. The High Commissioner proposes also to hold in reserve for this purpose the sum of £3,900 which represents Trans-Jordan's increased share from currency profits. Accordingly, while the provision under Head VII, Item 2, will be increased to £10,000, the figure of £72,000 under Head II, Item 15, should be reduced to £68,100. The Secretary of State is of opinion that, having regard to the present economic depression in the country, it is advisable to allow in this way for possible tax remissions amounting to £9,900. Experience in recent years has shown that remissions of taxation of at least this amount and probably even more will be required. In this connexion, attention is invited to the letter from this Department of the 10th January* requesting Treasury approval for the remission of taxation amounting to £19,154 in respect of the current financial year, and also to Treasury letter No. F.9404 of the 29th December, 1934†, approving the proposal to increase Trans-Jordan's share of currency profits in respect of the present financial year.

Head II, Item 14 (Income Tax).

It will be observed that there is an increase of £500 in the estimate of receipts from this source. The comments on this provision in the High Commissioner's despatch and in the Financial Adviser's memorandum are not altogether clear. The question of the payment of income tax at Trans-Jordan rates by British officers serving with the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force was discussed in Mr. Freethy's letter to Mr. Blaxter, No. S.37780 of the 6th June, 1934‡. On the receipt of Mr. Freethy's letter, the whole question was referred to the High Commissioner and the Secretary of State has been awaiting his reply. As this has not been received, and in view of the fact that the references to the matter in the Estimates now submitted are not clear, a request has been made to the High Commissioner by air mail for an early statement on the matter. Pending full information as to the High Commissioner's proposals, the Secretary of State would suggest that approval should be given provisionally to Item 14 of Head II on the understanding that the Treasury will be consulted further on the matter as soon as possible.

Head II, Item 11 (Stamp Duty).

The reduction of £400 in this item arises from the proposed alteration of duties in the new draft Stamp Law which was referred to the Treasury in the letter from this Department of the 31st December, 1934§. It will be seen from Mr. Blaxter's letter to Mr. Hale of the 11th January|| that it is proposed to authorize the High Commissioner to proceed with the new draft Law on the understanding that the duties will be scaled-up sufficiently to prevent any reduction in revenue. Unless the High Commissioner sees any serious objections to this course, in which event the matter would be referred again to the Treasury, it may be assumed that the revenue during 1935-36 will remain approximately at the figure provided for the current financial year, viz.:—£6,400.

Head IV, Item 8 (Transit charges).

The provision of £1,500 which appears in the Estimates for the current financial year, represents receipts in respect of transit charges paid by the 'Iraqi and Palestine Governments to the Trans-Jordan Government for the transit of the desert mails through Trans-Jordan. This question has been the subject of correspondence between the High Commissioner, the Secretary of State and the Postmaster-General, and it now appears that the Trans-Jordan Government are not entitled to levy these charges. The question was considered at the recent Postal Union Congress at Cairo, and it was decided that as Trans-Jordan performed no service in respect of the mails in question, it has no claim to the payment of transit rates under the Postal Convention. In these circumstances, both the Palestine and 'Iraqi Governments have refused to make the payments, and the Secretary of State sees no alternative but to accept the position.

4. As regards the Estimate of Expenditure, the High Commissioner has emphasized that in view of the necessity for making a very conservative estimate of revenue receipts and for avoiding any increase in the grant-in-aid, he has had to omit provision for even the most obvious needs. Semi-official correspondence has been proceeding on the matter, and so impressed is the Secretary of State with the desirability of including in the

* 37722/34 [No. 35]: not printed. † 37304/34 [No. 255]: not printed.
‡ 37785/34 [No. 4]: not printed. || 37796/34 [No. 7]: not printed.
§ 37796/34 [No. 4]: not printed.

Estimates some small provision to meet the more pressing needs of the territory, that, after the receipt of the Estimates, he asked the High Commissioner to forward by telegram proposals for an increase in expenditure not exceeding £2,000. These proposals have now been received and are as follow:—

(*a*) An increase of £680 under Head I, Civil List, Item 1 (*a*), in order to provide increased allowances for the Amir Naif (second son of the Amir of Trans-Jordan) and the Amiras and a small personal allowance for the Amir Abdullah himself. The High Commissioner promises a despatch on this subject at an early date in which he will, no doubt, explain in greater detail the reasons for his proposal: this despatch will be forwarded to the Treasury with Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister's views as soon as it is received. Their Lordships will observe that the High Commissioner has also provided in the Estimates as submitted for an increase under the same Head, Item 1 (*b*), for an increase of £500 in the allowance made to the Amir Tallal. The reason for this proposed increase is to give the Amir some additional money to meet the increased responsibilities which will result from his marriage which took place towards the end of last year. The Secretary of State proposes to await the further despatch referred to above before commenting further upon this proposal and the proposed increase under Item 1 (*a*); but in the meantime he would wish the additional expenditure, viz., £500 and £680, to stand provisionally.

(*b*) Well-sinking by hand, £312. The Geological Adviser to the Palestine Government has recommended the sinking of test wells in several places with a view to ascertaining the possible presence of water at reasonable depths. One of the most important initial steps in the development of Trans-Jordan must be an examination of the water resources of the country, and the Secretary of State, therefore, considers that the expenditure of this small sum is clearly justified.

(*c*) Medical treatment of men of the Desert Patrol who are suffering from tuberculosis, £400. The Officer Commanding the Desert Area has reported upon the great prevalence of tuberculosis among the tribesmen, and also among the men of the Desert Patrol. The Secretary of State has been much impressed by the reports received during recent months of the ravages of this disease, which it has not been possible at present to take any steps to counteract, and he, therefore, informed the High Commissioner last year that if he would include some modest provision in the Estimates for 1935-36 for dealing with this matter, he would support the provision in submitting the Estimates to the Treasury. In spite of this, it was not possible to include any provision in the Estimates as originally submitted, and it is only as a result of the telegraphic correspondence referred to above that the High Commissioner has felt able to suggest even the small sum of £400 on this most essential service. The proposal is that all men of the Desert Patrol should be examined, and it is anticipated that some will require X-ray treatment and that others could be cured by being sent to a sanatorium in the Lebanon. Apart from the clear obligation of Government to take some steps to check the prevalence of a disease of this kind, the expenditure is justified in view of the money and time which have already been spent in the training of the personnel concerned.

(*d*) An increase of £50 in Head XI, Item 43, for anti-malarial work. The High Commissioner states that much greater expenditure than has hitherto been provided for this service is very desirable. An increase by only £50 will, however, enable valuable work to be undertaken.

(*e*) An increase by £270 in Head XII, Item 42, for the purpose of purchasing stores and equipment for the School of Arts and Crafts. Equipment is being expended in accordance with a definite programme. The further expenditure proposed would add to the utility of this excellent institution.

(*f*) New appointment of four clerks for District Medical Officers, £288. At present these Medical Officers have no clerical assistance and much of their time, which should be spent in their districts, is at present necessarily devoted to clerical and accounting duties. It is proposed that the clerks should be appointed at the minimum of the grade—£6–£8 a month.

5. In addition to these special items of expenditure which the High Commissioner has now proposed at the Secretary of State's suggestion, there are certain increases of expenditure in the Estimates as submitted with the High Commissioner's despatch. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister has the following comments to make upon these increases and other points of interest which arise:—

Head II, Item 2.

This item includes provision for the interest payable to the Palestine Government on the seed loan of £8,075. In this connexion attention is invited to Mr. Speed's letter to

Mr. Blaxter, No. S.37503 of 12th September, 1934* and connected correspondence. It will be seen from the forecast of the financial position of the Trans-Jordan Government at 31st March next, which was forwarded with the High Commissioner's despatch No. 174 of the 16th November, 1934, a copy of which is enclosed, that there is no possibility of the Trans-Jordan Government repaying this loan to the Palestine Government during the current year, and in view of the financial position for 1935-36 as disclosed in the Estimates now submitted, it appeared to the Secretary of State to be extremely unlikely that repayment could be made either in whole or in part during the coming financial year. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister has, however, thought it well to confirm this from the High Commissioner, who has now replied that if there should be an improvement in the revenue in 1935-36 a part of the loan might be repaid during that year, but that in view of the financial position at the moment and the necessity for economy, it is not possible at the present juncture to make any provision for repayment in the Estimates. The Secretary of State is fully in agreement with the High Commissioner on this point, and, in the circumstances, is of opinion that the question of the repayment of this loan must be left in abeyance for the present.

Head II, Item 3.

The sum of £630 provided under this Item represents the provision in 1935-36 for the repayment of principal and interest on the loan made by the Palestine Government to the Trans-Jordan Government for the construction of the telephone circuit between Palestine and Iraq. Attention is invited to Treasury letter No. S/34609/0257 of the 9th June, 1934†.

Head IX (Finance Department), Item 24.

This allowance will now be discontinued. Reference is invited to the letter from this Department of the 20th December, 1934‡, and Treasury reply E.11699 of the 31st December, 1934§.

Head XIV, Antiquities Department.

The arrangements set out on page 11 of the Financial Adviser's Memorandum appear to be reasonable. Attention is invited to Treasury letter No. E.30798 of the 10th September, 1934‖. Moreover, the Trans-Jordan Government are about to introduce into the Legislative Council a new Antiquities Law which will make better and more up-to-date provision for dealing with the antiquities of Trans-Jordan. The small increase of staff and incidental expenses proposed is clearly desirable in order to adminster the provisions of the new Law.

Head XIX, Miscellaneous, Item 7.

Reference is invited to Treasury letter No. E.28992 of the 28th August, 1934¶.

Head XX, Item 5.

Attention is invited to Treasury letter ** No. E.16799 of the 14th November, 1934.

Head XXIV, Item 1.

Provision is made under this Item for £2,100 for the purchase of seven new Ford trucks. The need for this is explained on page 16 of the Financial Adviser's Memorandum. It is most important that the Desert Patrol, which has done so much to restore and maintain order in the desert, should be adequately equipped, and the Secretary of State supports the proposal for the purchase of these new vehicles.

Head XXVIII (Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary).

It is proposed that the sum of £700 provided under this head for the Kerak-Tafila telephone should be diverted to Head XIII for the recurrent expenses of a proposed Agricultural Experimental Station. The Secretary of State hopes that their Lordships will approve this provision, such approval being subject of course to the capital expenditure being ultimately sanctioned.

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* 37734/34 [No. 33]: not printed.
† 37793/34 [No. 36]: not printed.
‡ P.F. 19148 [No. 172]: not printed.
§ P.F. 19148 [No. 173]: not printed.
‖ 37740/34 [No. 3]: not printed.
¶ 37766/34 [No. 12]: not printed.
** 37737/34 [No. 3]: not printed.

Head XXX, Item 2. Trans-Jordan Water Supply.

It will be observed from the Financial Adviser's Memorandum that there is provision under this item for carrying out part 2 of the scheme sanctioned by the Colonial Development Advisory Committee and approved in Treasury letter No. S.34609/0274 of the 12th October, 1933*. Expenditure on the second stage is estimated to amount to £950, and is only to be incurred if the results obtained from the first stage are satisfactory. From information so far received, the Secretary of State has no reason to suppose that the results of the first stage are not satisfactory, but when replying to the High Commissioner he will remind him that the second stage should not be undertaken without the Secretary of State's approval.

6. The Secretary of State is in agreement with the draft Estimates as now submitted. He supports the small increases of staff proposed and the provision made by Extraordinary expenditure. He desires to bring to their Lordships' notice the following further considerations. Owing to the drought the number of animals in the country has decreased considerably. In consequence, the receipts from animal tax have decreased from £39,973 in 1930-31 to £24,807 in 1933-34, and it has been necessary to budget for a further decrease of £2,000 in 1935-36. During the last two years there have been considerable surplus balances available, but these have now been used, and it appears that only with difficulty will the normal working balance of £4,000 be maintained at the 31st March next.

7. Certain small additions to the estimated revenue may be anticipated, for example in respect of income tax and stamp revenue receipts, but these may well be absorbed by the necessity for remitting taxation to a larger amount than is at present allowed for.

8. Subject to the comments made under Head II, item 11, and Head II, item 14, of the Revenue Estimates and under Head XXVIII and Head XXX, item 2 of the Expenditure Estimates, I am to request that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury will give their approval of the Estimates submitted by the High Commissioner, amended as proposed in this letter, and that they will agree to the insertion of a grant-in-aid of £62,000 for the Trans-Jordan Administration in the Colonial and Middle Eastern Services Vote for 1935-36.

I am, &c.,

O. G. R. WILLIAMS.

Enclosure in No. 29.

[37731/34 [No. 3].]

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

to

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 26th November, 1934.)

(No. 174.)

SIR, Jerusalem, 16th November, 1934.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for your information, a copy of a letter from the British Resident (with enclosure), forecasting the financial position of the Trans-Jordan Government at the 31st March, 1935.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR WAUCHOPE.

[Reference to previous correspondence:—High Commissioner's despatch No. 54 of 4th April, 1934†.]

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* 17793/1/33 [No. 13]: not printed.

† 17731/33 [No. 19]: not printed.

YOUR EXCELLENCY, 5th November, 1934.

I have the honour to submit herewith a forecast of the financial position of the Trans-Jordan Government at the 31st of March, 1935, based on the information available at the 30th of September, 1934.

This forecast is submitted in compliance with the Duke of Devonshire's despatch No. 1609 of the 12th of December, 1923.

2. Your Excellency will see from the figures shown in this forecast that the present estimate of local revenue realizable during the year is £P.255,454, as compared with the revised estimate of £P.270,589 submitted to, and approved by, the Secretary of State. The decline in receipts is expected to occur under the following Heads:—

	£P.
Head II Licences and Taxes	18,720
Head IV Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones	1,300
Head VI Interest	65
Head VII Miscellaneous	250
	£P.20,335

The following increases are, on the other hand, anticipated:—

	£P.
Head I Customs and Excise	5,000
Head V Revenue from Government Property	200
	£P.5,200

The forecast of expenditure to 31st March, 1935, is £P.378,127 as compared with £P.386,540 approved by the Secretary of State. Of this difference £P.4,315 is on account of general savings, and £P.4,098 is being held by means of temporary economies in all Departments until the revenue position improves.

3. In regard to the decline of revenue I submit the following:—

A. Licences and Taxes. In my letter of the 10th of July, 1934*, I recommended the remission of £P.19,154,791 mils and Your Excellency was informed in the same letter that the effect of these remissions on the financial position would be £P.10,410.

In preparing the present forecast I have been unable to count on the receipt of more than £P.27,000 from Animal Tax owing to the decrease revealed in the enumeration figures for the present year. The revised Estimates for 1934/35 showed £P.28,500 under this sub-head of Revenue and there is therefore a loss of £P.1,500.

Licence Fees under sub-head 1—Licences, Trades and Professions, will produce approximately £P.500 less than the estimate.

In view of the delay which has occurred in the distribution of Land Tax in the districts of Amman, Es Salt and Madeba, I do not anticipate that collections in the three districts named above will exceed 65 per cent of the assessments of Land Tax unless the Governors take more energetic measures to press the collection of taxes than they have done hitherto. The estimates of revenue were based on the collection of an average of 85 per cent in all districts. The anticipated drop of 20 per cent in the districts of Amman, Es Salt and Madeba represents a loss of £P.4,300.

The collection of arrears is considerably lower than I had estimated and District Governors are responsible for this to a great extent. This accounts for approximately £P.1,000 of the decrease in revenue.

I have shown above how approximately £P.17,700 of the decrease under Licences and Taxes is accounted for. The remaining £P.1,020 I am afraid is due to over estimation.

B. Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones. The loss of revenue under this Head will result from the decision of the Postmaster-General, Palestine (notified to the Postmaster-General, Trans-Jordan) to follow the example of 'Iraq and refuse to pay transit fees on the Palestine-'Iraq trans-desert mail.

C. Interest. The anticipated loss of revenue is principally on account of interest on Earthquake Relief Loans. Considerable difficulty is being experienced in the collection of capital and interest from the people of Es Salt, many of whom are in very reduced circumstances.

D. Miscellaneous. Receipts from royalties payable by the Palestine Potash Company were over-estimated.

4. With regard to the necessity for improvement in revenue collection, the Treasurer and the Financial Adviser have made strong representations to the Chief Minister both in writing and verbally. His Excellency has promised to take a personal interest in the matter and some improvement may result but I felt bound to instruct that, until such time as the improvement in revenue

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* Enclosure in 37722/34 [No. 24]: not printed.

collection is apparent, it is essential that the Government should take steps to reduce expenditure by the amount required to ensure that the working balance of £P.4,000 will be available at the close of the financial year.

5. If and when the revenue position improves the Government can, if necessary, release a part of the expenditure which has been deferred.

I have, &c.,
C. H. F. Cox,
British Resident.

His Excellency,
The Acting High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan.
Jerusalem.

Forecast of the Financial Position of the Trans-Jordan Government at 31st March, 1935, based on the figures and information available at 30th September, 1934.

	£P.	£P.	£P.
Surplus at 1st April, 1934			26,048
Actual Revenue from 1st April, 1934, to 31st August, 1934.			
Local	117,467		
Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan	18,000		
Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	5,695		
Grants from Colonial Development Fund	4,650		
		145,812	
Approximate Revenue, September, 1934.			
Local		24,749	
Estimated further Revenue to 31st March, 1935.			
Local	113,238		
Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan	42,000		
Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	29,130		
Grants from Colonial Development Fund	1,150		
		185,518	
			356,079
			382,127
Actual Expenditure from 1st April, 1934, to 31st August, 1934.			
Ordinary	122,571		
Extraordinary	17,213		
		139,784	
Approximate Expenditure, September, 1934.			
Ordinary	26,861		
Extraordinary	3,441		
		30,302	
Estimated further Expenditure to 31st March, 1935.			
Ordinary	185,893		
Extraordinary	22,148		
		208,041	
			378,127
ESTIMATED SURPLUS AT 31ST MARCH, 1935			£P.4,000

77103/35 [No. 6]. No. 30.

COLONIAL OFFICE
to
TREASURY.

[*Answered by No. 33 and 77103/35 [No. 8]: not printed.*]

Downing Street, S.W.1, 18th April, 1935.

SIR,

I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to refer to the letter from this Department of the 19th January*, enclosing the draft Estimates for the Trans-Jordan Administration for the financial year 1935/36, and to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, copies of correspondence with the High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan.

2. Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the High Commissioner's despatch of the 27th March† set out certain modifications which it is desired to make in the Trans-Jordan Administration Estimates for 1935/36. Approval for the first four items mentioned in paragraph 2 of the despatch has been given in Treasury letter No. S.35961/01/34/2 of the 30th March‡. The gratuity for Mr. H. A. Turner is payable under arrangements recently sanctioned by the Treasury for the payment of gratuities on retirement to British officials directly employed by the Trans-Jordan Government. Items 6 and 8 are included in the approved Estimates for the financial year 1934/35. In the approved Estimates the provision is shown as required for the improvement of Ghor es Safi Police Post and the construction of stables, but the High Commissioner has explained in another despatch that it was eventually decided to devote the money to the construction of stables for the Arab Legion at Katrani. This change was made at the request of the Officer Commanding the Arab Legion, as the need for stables is more urgent at Katrani. Item 7 (water supply for Customs Post at Jisr Mejami) does not appear in the 1934/35 Estimates and the High Commissioner has been asked to explain how this item now comes to be included.

3. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister supports the proposals made in the High Commissioner's despatch of the 27th March, and, subject to a satisfactory explanation being received regarding the water supply at Jisr Mejami and to the observations regarding repayment of the loan made in paragraph 7 of this letter, he requests that their Lordships will sanction the modifications in the 1935/36 Estimates set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the despatch. It will be observed that the sum required can be provided from the surplus which is anticipated at the 31st March, 1935.

4. As regards the telegraphic correspondence enclosed, I am to refer to your letter No. S.34609/0274 of the 12th October, 1933§, on the subject of the grant from the Colonial Development Fund for the improvement of the water supply in Trans-Jordan. In accordance with the scheme submitted to the Colonial Development Advisory Committee, two bore-holes have been sunk, one at Meshetta and one at Remtha. At Meshetta water has been discovered in satisfactory quantities and, subject to favourable results being obtained from a test recommended by the Crown Agents for the Colonies, it is hoped that the Secretary of State will shortly be in a position to approve expenditure on the second stage of the scheme in that locality.

5. It will be seen from the High Commissioner's telegram No. 17 of the 27th March‖ that the operations at Remtha have not been successful and that the High Commissioner proposes that the drilling rig and its crew should be used for drilling on private lands at Umm el Kundum pending a decision regarding a further application for assistance from the Colonial Development Fund which has been submitted by the Trans-Jordan Government. This new application is for a grant from the Fund to enable further boring to be carried out in desert areas in the eastern part of Trans-Jordan and is at present under consideration in this Department in conjunction with certain other applications for grants from the Fund which have recently been received. The recurrent expenditure required under the new scheme for extending the search for water to the desert areas is stated to be £P.1,200. The High Commissioner has recommended that the capital cost should be provided by a grant from the Fund, but he has proposed that the recurrent expenditure should be provided by the Trans-Jordan Government within the limits of the draft Estimates for 1935/36. He has recommended that for this purpose there shall be allocated a portion of the additional £P.3,900 which will now be payable to the Trans-Jordan Government on account of the profits from Palestine currency. It was proposed in paragraph 3 of this Department's letter of the 19th January, under reference, that the above-mentioned sum should be held in reserve for possible remissions of taxation during the financial year 1935/36.

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* No. 29. † Enclosure 4. ‡ 37731/34 [No. 12]: not printed.
§ 17793/1/33 [No. 13]: not printed. ‖ Enclosure 1.

6. Since the High Commissioner made this recommendation, however, it appears from Mr. Bridges' letter to Sir Cosmo Parkinson, No. S.35961/01/35 of the 13th February*, that the Treasury may decide to reduce the allowance for tax remissions during 1935/36 from £P.9,900 to £P.7,900 in order to provide for the special services amounting to £P.2,000 for which sanction has been sought. The Secretary of State decided, therefore, that, before approaching the Treasury in regard to the High Commissioner's telegram No. 17 of the 27th March†, it would be desirable to obtain further information as to the anticipated financial position at the 31st March, 1935. Telegram No. 18 of the 31st March‡ was accordingly sent to the High Commissioner who has now replied in his telegram No. 22 of the 15th April§.

7. It is proposed to submit the new scheme for extending the search for water to the desert areas to the Colonial Development Advisory Committee in due course, but in the meantime it will be seen that, since water has not been found at Remtha and the rig and crew will be idle, the High Commissioner wishes to use them for drilling at Umm el Kundum. Having regard to the views expressed by the High Commissioner, the Secretary of State would propose that the expenditure required for this purpose should be met by a reduction of the allowance for remission of taxation from £P.9,900 to £P.8,700. As regards the special services estimated to cost £P.2,000, it is suggested that, if their Lordships are prepared to approve them, they should be met from the surplus expected at the 31st March, 1935, and not in the manner tentatively foreshadowed in Mr. Bridges' letter to Sir Cosmo Parkinson of the 13th February. This would reduce the amount available for repayment of the loan to £P.2,000 on the present figures.

8. I am accordingly to request that their Lordships will sanction expenditure at the rate of £P.1,200 per annum for drilling at Umm el Kundum, and in view of the High Commissioner's request for early approval, I am to request the favour of an early reply on this particular point.

I am, &c.,

O. G. R. WILLIAMS.

Enclosure 1 in No. 30.

[77125/35 [No. 1].]

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR TRANS-JORDAN TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 2.31 p.m., 27th March, 1935.)

TELEGRAM.

No. 17. Confidential. 27th March. My despatch of the 25th February, confidential‖. The drilling rig at Remtha reached limit of its range without finding water. At it would be uneconomical to discharge trained crew or to keep them idle pending decision regarding capital grant from the Colonial Development Fund for the purchase of material and transport to enable rig to be used in desert areas, further borings will be made in settled areas in intervening period. British Resident after consultation with Palestine Geological Adviser has arranged drilling on private land at Umm el Kundum against an undertaking by the land owner to repay the Government at the rate of 250 Mils per foot bored if boring is unsuccessful and at double that rate if it succeeds.

No additional equipment is required for this work but provision for re-current expenses is necessary and I shall therefore be glad of your approval for expenditure of £P.1,200 as set out in paragraph 5 of my despatch.

Enclosure 2 in No. 30.

[77125/35 [No. 2].]

THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR TRANS-JORDAN.

(Sent 5 p.m., 31st March, 1935.)

TELEGRAM.

No. 18. Confidential. Your telegram No. 17 confidential of 27th March¶. Grant-in-aid of £P.60,000 has been sanctioned for 1935/36. I have not yet received Treasury reply on details of Estimates but I understand that they may possibly agree that services amounting to £P.2,000 (or at any rate some of them) referred to in your

* 77103/35 [No. 1]: not printed. † Enclosure 1. ‡ Enclosure 2. § *See* Enclosure No. 3.
‖ No. 77093/35 [No. 1]: not printed. ¶ Enclosure 1.

telegram No. 2 of 11th January* should be provided by reducing allowance for tax remissions from £P.9,900 to £P.7,900. Do you think that in view of prospects of better harvest further reduction to £P.5,700 would be reasonable? Please also telegraph latest estimate of financial position at 31st March indicating working balance and amount of loan repaid (see my telegram No. 16 of 27th March†).

Enclosure 3 in No. 30.

[77125/35 [No. 3].]

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR TRANS-JORDAN TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 3.16 p.m., 15th April, 1935.)

TELEGRAM.

No. 22. Confidential. 15th April. Your telegram No. 18 confidential‡. Latest available estimates of financial position at 31st March is that enclosed in my despatch confidential of 27th March§. Reliable closer estimate will not be possible before the end of April after accounts have been closed. No part of loan will be repaid to Palestine till exact position is known.

As regards allowances for tax remissions there is always risk of some failure or damage of crops until they are actually harvested. At the present time therefore I cannot recommend reduction of allowances below £P.8,700 thus making £P.1,200 available for recurrent expenses of drilling rigs. As this provision of £P.1,200 is urgently required I should be grateful for early approval of proposals made in my telegram No. 17‖. As regards services referred to in my telegram No. 2 of the 11th January* I suggest that if increase of grant-in-aid over £P.60,000 cannot be obtained the proposed expenditure should be met from surplus available at 1st of April. This would entail corresponding reductions for the time being of amounts to be repaid to Palestine but further instalment would be paid later if actual harvesting justified further reduction of allowances for remissions.

Enclosure 4 in No. 30.

[37731/34 [No. 13].]

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR TRANS-JORDAN TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 8th April, 1935.)

[*Answered by 77103/35 [No. 5] and 37731/34 [No. 19]: not printed, and No. 35.*]

(Confidential.)

SIR, Jerusalem, 27th March, 1935.

I have the honour to refer to my despatch No. 32 of the 7th March, 1935¶, on the subject of the financial position of the Trans-Jordan Government, and to transmit herewith a forecast of the position at the 31st March next, based on the information available on the 28th February.

2. It will be seen that the estimated surplus at the 31st March is now greater than was anticipated when the last forecast was compiled. The increase is principally due to decreases in expenditure which result partly from savings and partly from postponement until the coming financial year of the following items:

	£P.
Part of the sum approved for the road repairs referred to in paragraph 3 of my despatch No. 23 of the 12th February, 1935**	2,000
Weir at Bagoura	50
Printing of Laws	250
Completion of Kerak-Tafileh road ... ... (all three items referred to in paragraph 2 of my despatch of the 12th February**).	900
Gratuity to Mr. H. A. Turner	700
Arab Legion stables at Katrani (Item 4 of Head XXIII) ...	146.500
Water supply for Customs post at Jisr Majami (Item 21 of Head XXIII)	93.500
Furniture for His Highness the Amir's Office (Item 6 of Head XXIII)	23
	£P.4,165

* 37803/34 [No. 10]: not printed. † Enclosure 5. ‡ Enclosure 2. § Enclosure 4.
‖ Enclosure 1. ¶ 37731/34 [No. 9]: not printed. ** 37731/34 [No. 7]: not printed.

3. After providing for the foregoing services, and allowing for the normal working balance of £P.4,000, a sum of £P.6,483 will still be available. The British Resident recommends that £P.2,483 of this remainder should be allotted in the 1935/36 Estimates to the following services for which it was not possible to make provision at the time when those Estimates were being drafted:

	£P.
Repair of damage recently caused by fire to the Government Offices at Es Salt	1,400
Replacement of furniture in those offices	150
Arrears of pension contribution due to Palestine in respect of Mr. Stragalis (your confidential despatch of 30.1.35*) ...	260
Other pension contributions due to Palestine on account of changes of staff	250
Anti-malarial works at the Zerka Mayin baths	50
Additional provision for diets for staff and patients in Government hospitals	150
Unforeseen	223

The British Resident proposes that the amount of £P.4,000 which will still remain unallocated if the foregoing services are approved should be paid to the Palestine Government in part repayment of the seed loan obtained by Trans-Jordan in September, 1934.

4. I endorse the proposals of the British Resident set out in the second and third paragraphs of this despatch and shall be glad to have your authority to modify accordingly the Trans-Jordan Estimates for the financial year 1935/36.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR WAUCHOPE.

Forecast of the Financial Position of the Trans-Jordan Government at 31.3.35 based on the data and information available at 31.12.1934.

	£P.	£P.	£P.
Surplus at 1.4.1934			26,048
Actual Revenue from 1.4.34 to 31.1.35.			
Local	233,039		
Grant-in-Aid of T.J. Government	30,000		
Grant-in-Aid of T.J. Frontier Force	23,133		
Grants from Colonial Development Fund	5,350	291,522	
Approximate Revenue for February, 1935.			
Local	22,831		
Grant-in-Aid of T.J. Government	20,000	42,831	
Estimated Further Revenue to 31.3.1935.			
Local	12,610		
Grant-in-Aid of T.J. Government	10,000		
Grant-in-Aid of T.J. Frontier Force	11,677		
Grants from Colonial Development Fund . ..	450	34,737	369,090
			395,138
Actual Expenditure from 1.4.34 to 31.1.1935.			
Ordinary	265,527		
Extraordinary	31,969	297,496	
Approximate Expenditure for February, 1935.			
Ordinary	23,513		
Extraordinary	1,101	24,614	
Estimated Further Expenditure to 31.3.1935.			
Ordinary	45,490		
Extraordinary	12,440	57,930	380,040
Estimated Surplus at 31.3.1935.			£P.15,098

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* P.F. 37306 [No. 6]: not printed.

[37731/34 [No. 11].]

Enclosure 5 in No. 30.

TELEGRAM FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR TRANS-JORDAN.

(Sent 7 p.m., 27th March, 1935.)

No. 16. Your despatch No. 24 of 12th February*. Reallocations approved. Your despatch No. 23 of 12th February†. Expenditure of £P.3.650 approved. I note from your despatch No. 32 of 7th March‡ that estimated surplus at 31st March is now £P.7,000. I agree that any surplus realized after providing working balance should be used towards repayment of loan of £P.8,075 from Palestine. Working balance can be reduced a little if necessary in order to provide suitable round sum for repayment. Your despatch No. 22 of 12th February§. Final instalment of £P.10,000 of grant-in-aid issued to-day.

77103/35 [No. 11]. No. 31.

MR. K. W. BLAXTER (COLONIAL OFFICE)

to

MR. W. D. WILKINSON (TREASURY).

[*Answered by 77103/35 [No. 12]: not printed.*]

DEAR WILKINSON, Downing Street, 29th April, 1935.

Thank you for your letter No. S. 35961/01/35 of the 26th April‖ containing an interim reply on two aspects of our official letter of the 18th April¶ about the Trans-Jordan Administration Estimates for 1935-36.

We note that the Treasury agree that the drilling rig may be temporarily employed at Umm el Kundum, on the basis suggested, for a period not exceeding three months, and we have informed the High Commissioner accordingly. I should mention, however, that the new proposal for searching for water in the desert areas which is to be submitted to the Colonial Development Advisory Committee is not likely to be laid before the Committee for a little time yet. We have received five schemes from the High Commissioner for submission to the Committee, but there are some further schemes which he has mentioned and which we think are also suitable for submission to the Committee. We have, therefore, asked the High Commissioner to prepare these further schemes and on receipt of them it is our intention to submit all the schemes to the Committee at the same time, as we understand that they like to have a complete set of schemes before them rather than to receive them piecemeal. This being so it is unlikely that we shall be able to get all the schemes put before the Committee and decisions reached upon them by the expiration of three months. Also it may be that a period of three months will not be sufficient to enable a sufficiently deep bore to be made at Umm el Kundum in order to discover whether water exists. From the information which we have it appears that the drilling at Moshetta took at least three months, probably rather longer. It would obviously be uneconomic and inefficient to stop the rig from working before they had reached their goal and leave them idle while a decision is taken on the broader question of boring in the desert areas. It may be difficult for the Trans-Jordan authorities to judge beforehand how long a time will be required, and this is surely a matter in which some discretion should be left to the local authorities. We hope very much therefore that, in order to avoid a possible delay which may arise through the necessity of a further reference home on this comparatively small point, the Treasury will be willing to agree to our authorizing the employment of the rig at Umm el Kundum if necessary for a period not exceeding six months. If so, we will send a further communication to the High Commissioner.

While I am writing I should like also to make one or two comments on the other point which we touched on in my recent telephone conversation with you. I gather that you are rather surprised at the disclosure by Trans-Jordan of an anticipated surplus of about £P.14,500 after the original Estimates had been sent in and the grant-in-aid fixed at £P.60,000. I demurred, you will remember, at your putting the point quite in that way. I have now looked again at the High Commissioner's despatch of the

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* 37729/34 [No. 62]: not printed.
† 37731/34 [No. 7]: not printed.
‡ 37731/34 [No. 9]: not printed.
§ 77068/35 [No. 1]: not printed.
‖ 77103/35 [No. 8]: not printed.
¶ No. 30.

27th March*, which we enclosed in our official letter of the 18th April†, and I think I was right when I said that this surplus does not represent an additional sum of £P.14,000 which has become available for use since the original Estimates were sent in to the Treasury on the 19th January. In the first place, the Estimates as submitted provide for a surplus at the 31st March, 1935, of £P.4,000. Also the surplus is swollen by the proposed transfer from last year to this year's Estimates of a number of services totalling £P.4,000 approximately which have already been sanctioned, and, if the money had been spent last year, this would have resulted in the surplus being reduced by that amount. In other words, £P.4,000 of the surplus is merely represented by a transfer from last year to this year of certain expenditure already approved, and another £P.4,000 is already included in the original Estimates. Thus the additional surplus on the figures at present given is about £P.6,500, not an unreasonable figure for a country where taxes are dependent upon droughts and rains and close estimating is difficult.

We are telegraphing to the High Commissioner asking him for the figures for the out-turn of the financial year just ended prepared at the end of April and will let you know the result as soon as we receive it.

Yours, &c.,

K. W. BLAXTER.

77103/35 [No. 15]. No. 32.

MR. K. W. BLAXTER (COLONIAL OFFICE)

to

MR. W. D. WILKINSON (TREASURY).

[*Answered by No. 33.*]

DEAR WILKINSON, Downing Street, 10th May, 1935.

With reference to my letter of the 29th April‡, I enclose a copy of a telegram from the High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan giving the total expenditure and revenue for 1934-35 and the surplus balance at 31st March, 1935.

You will see that there is an unexpectedly large surplus of £P.32,845. If the Treasury are now prepared to approve the Estimates in their present form, the position will be as follows:—

	£P.	£P.
Surplus balance at 31st March, 1935		32,845
Less—	£P.	
Normal working balance	4,000	
Transfer of certain expenditure from 1934-35 ...	4,165	
Additional Services (see paragraph 4 of our letter of 19th January§)	2,000	
Repayment of whole seed loan to Palestine ...	8,075	
Additional Services (see paragraph 3 of despatch of 27th March*)	2,483	
		20,723
Free surplus balance		£P.12,122

The situation could be reviewed later in the year to see whether a short issue of the grant-in-aid is justified. Meanwhile, it will be very useful to have this free surplus of about £P.12,000 to meet any unexpected remissions of taxation or any emergency expenditure such as past history has taught us to expect in Trans-Jordan, e.g., floods, locust invasions or relief measures. We trust the Treasury will feel able to agree, and that we may now have early approval of the Trans-Jordan Estimates for 1935-36.

Yours, &c.,

K. W. BLAXTER.

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* Enclosure 5 in No. 30. † No. 30. ‡ No. 31. § No. 29.

[77103/35 [No. 14].]

Enclosure in No. 32.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR TRANS-JORDAN TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 3.16 p.m., 7th May, 1935.)

TELEGRAM.

No. 25. 7th May. Your telegram No. 24*. Total expenditure £P.373,227; total revenue (including surplus on 1st April, 1934) £P.406,072; surplus at 31st March, 1935, £P.32,845.

77103/35 [No. 18]. No. 33.

TREASURY

to

COLONIAL OFFICE.

[*Answered by No. 77103/35 [No. 41]: not printed.*]

(S. 35961/01/35.)

SIR, Treasury Chambers, 14th June, 1935.

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Williams' letters of the 19th† and the 22nd January‡ last, and the 18th and the 29th April§, together with semi-official correspondence, relative to the Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Administration for the year 1935-36. I am now to request you to convey to the Secretary of State for the Colonies the following reply.

2. *Out-turn of the year 1934-35.*—My Lords note that the year ended with a surplus of £P.32,845. My Lords would be glad to be informed of the main causes contributing to this satisfactory out-turn.

At the same time My Lords must invite attention to the considerable divergence of the actual out-turn from the forecast submitted to Them towards the end of the financial year, on the basis of which They agreed to the issue in full of the grant-in-aid. They must ask that the High Commissioner's attention should be specially drawn to this matter and that he should be asked to take steps to ensure that reliable forecasts of the out-turn of the year are furnished to Them, towards the close of the financial year, before a decision is reached whether the grant-in-aid should be issued in full.

3. The Estimates submitted with the High Commissioner's despatch No. 186 of the 6th December last‖ provided for local revenue and expenditure (exclusive of expenditure on the British Resident, on the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force and on Colonial Development Fund schemes) as follows:—

Revenue	£P.271,050,
Expenditure	£P.330,890,

and on this basis Sir A. Wauchope asked for a grant-in-aid from Imperial funds of £P.60,000. The Secretary of State, however, proposed that the grant-in-aid should be increased to the sum of £P.62,000, with a view to providing certain additional services calculated to assist in the more pressing needs of the Territory. As your Department were informed in a semi-official letter of the 13th of February¶, My Lords felt unable to invite Parliament to provide a grant in excess of £P.60,000; and They have limited to this figure the provision which They have caused to be inserted under Subhead H.4. of the published Estimate for Colonial and Middle East Services.

4. In Mr. Williams' letter of 18th April** proposals were submitted for a number of further items of expenditure.

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* 77103/35 [No. 9]: not printed. † No. 29. ‡ 37745/34 [No. 12]: not printed.
§ No. 30 and 77103/35 [No. 10]: not printed. ‖ No. 28. ¶ 77103/35 [No. 1]: not printed.
** No. 30.

The items of expenditure not included in the original Estimate, which have since been submitted for Their Lordships' consideration, may be summarized as follows:—

(*a*) Items to be met from surplus at the end of the financial year 1934–35—

	£P.
Repayment of loan from Government of Palestine	8,075
Provision of working balance	4,000
	12,075

(*b*) Additional items of expenditure to be defrayed from revenue in 1935–36—

	£P.
Proposals made in Mr. Williams' letter of 19th January, 1935*	2,000
Transfer to 1935–36 of certain expenditure authorized in 1934–35	4,165
Further additional services now proposed by the Secretary of State†	2,483
Well boring in desert areas	1,200
	9,848

5. The addition of the items under (*b*) would raise the expenditure from £P.330,890 to £P.340,738. To meet this expenditure the revenue is estimated at £P.271,050, leaving a deficit of £P.69,688. It is, however, contemplated that the items of expenditure authorized in 1934 and to be transferred to the current financial year should be met by a reduction in the surplus balance carried forward. If allowance is made for this factor the deficit may be regarded as approximately £P.65,500.

6. My Lords wish to refer to paragraphs 316 and 317 of the O'Donnell Commission in which it was contemplated that the subsidy from Imperial funds would be reduced to £P.59,000 in 1932–33. Further, the Commission considered that in the absence of abnormal disturbing factors the grant-in-aid should be susceptible of gradual reduction in successive years.

7. The amount of the grant-in-aid issued to Trans-Jordan was £P.65,000 in 1933–34. This figure compares with a grant-in-aid of £P.60,000 and the British Resident's expenses of over £P.7,000 in 1934–35. As shown above, the difference between revenue and expenditure in the draft Estimates as now submitted (omitting the grant-in-aid and surplus balance) is substantially in excess of the grant-in-aid of £P.60,000 for which provision is made in this year's Estimates.

8. Their Lordships appreciate that various causes have operated to make it impossible to reduce the grant-in-aid in recent years to the extent contemplated by the Commission. Nevertheless They trust that a determined effort will be made to effect a progressive reduction in the amount of the grant-in-aid in future years. They feel bound to ask that proposals involving any increases in recurrent expenditure should be very closely scrutinized.

REVENUE.

9. My Lords have the following comments to make upon the draft Estimate of revenue as submitted by the High Commissioner:—

Head II, Item 11. Stamp Duty‡.

10. They note the Secretary of State's view that revenue under this item is now estimated at £P.6,400 and not at the original figure of £P.6,000.

Head II, Item 14. Income Tax§.

11. My Lords are now prepared to accept the view of the Secretary of State that it will be impracticable to recover Income Tax from the British personnel serving with the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, and They consider that this item of revenue should now be estimated at £P.5,200.

* No. 29. † *See* paragraph 3 of Enclosure 5 in No. 30. ‡ *See* 77096/35. § *See* 77085/35.

Head II, Item 15. Land Tax.*

12. My Lords note that the estimated gross yield of this tax (£P.78,000) is some £P.7,700 in excess of the combined yield in 1929–30 of the three former taxes which it replaced, although it was the expectation of the O'Donnell Commission (Report, paragraph 309) that the former combined yield would be exceeded by £P.10,000. My Lords would be glad to learn what view is now held regarding the future yield of this tax.

13. As regards the net yield for 1935–36, My Lords consider that this should be estimated at £P.68,100. In the agricultural conditions which at present obtain in Trans-Jordan, it is permissible to write down the revenue to be obtained from land taxation in order to leave a margin for possible remissions. Now that a considerable surplus has been brought forward from the year 1934–35, My Lords see no need to adopt the expedient of reducing this margin, as was suggested in the Secretary of State's telegram No. 18 of the 31st March last†. They note that remissions of taxation to a considerably greater amount than the margin now proposed were in fact necessitated last year by the failure of the crops.

Head IV, Item 8. Transit Charges. Trans-Desert Mail.

14. My Lords note that in view of the decision of the Postal Union Congress, no revenue is anticipated under this item.

Head VII, Item 2. Share of Profits, Palestine Currency.

15. My Lords agree that the estimated share of Trans-Jordan under this item should be increased to £P.10,000‡.

16. My Lords understand that a payment of £P.1,726 has now been received from the Saudi Government in respect of that Government's share of the cost of the Macdonnell arbitration§. This payment should be added to the current year's Revenue.

17. To sum up the revenue position; My Lords propose the following modifications in the estimate made in paragraph 3 above:—

Head II, Item 11. An increase of £P.400.
Head II, Item 14. A decrease of £P.300.
Head II, Item 15. A decrease of £P.3,900.
Head VII, Item 2. An increase of £P.3,900.
Payment in respect of Macdonnell arbitration, £P.1,726.

The total estimate of revenue is thus increased by £P.1,826 to £P.272,876.

EXPENDITURE.

18. My Lords now turn to the proposals for expenditure made on the Estimates as originally submitted, together with the additional proposals subsequently submitted to Them and summarized in paragraph 5.

19. My Lords accept the High Commissioner's recommendation, contained in his despatch of the 27th March last‖, that various items of expenditure authorized in the last financial year, connected with the repair of roads and other services, and amounting in all to £P.4,165, should be carried out in the present year. They also agree to the provision of £P.1,200 for well boring in desert areas, subject to a review of the position in six months' time¶.

20. My Lords sanction the additional services, estimated to cost £P.2,483, set out in paragraph 3 of the High Commissioner's despatch of 27th March with the exception of the provision of £P.223 for "Unforeseen" expenditure. They understand that the necessity for these additional services could not be foreseen when the Estimates were prepared.

Head I. Civil List.

21. As originally drafted, this Head showed an increase of £P.579 over the preceding year, of which £P.500 was on account of the proposed increase in the Amir Tallal's allowance, in view of his recent marriage, from £P.820 to £P.1,320. The Secretary of State now proposes various further additions to the Civil List, amounting to £P.680. The result, if these additions were approved, would be to increase the Civil List by £P.1,259 (or somewhat more than one-twelfth), that is from £P.14,582 to £P.15,841. In this connexion I am to invite the Secretary of State's attention to the semi-official letter from this Department of the 2nd January, 1934, (S. 30322)**.

* *See* 37746/34. † 77103/35 [No. 3]: not printed. ‡ *See* 37783/34. § *See* 79074/35.
‖ Enclosure 5 in No. 30. ¶ *See* 77125/35. ** 37745/34 [No. 1]: not printed.

In that letter Their Lordships agreed to the provision of a temporary addition of £P.3,000 to the Civil List of the Amir in respect of the year 1934-35, having regard to special expenses which he would have to incur in that year. This increase was granted as a purely temporary measure and it was contemplated that the figure of £P.12,000 should be adhered to in future years and that Their Lordships would not be asked to increase the separate grant to the Amir's son Tallal on account of his marriage.

22. At the present time the total of Head I (*a*) (His Highness the Amir's personal allotment) and I (*b*) (His Highness the Amir Tallal) is £P.12,820. Their Lordships are prepared to agree that this total may be rounded up to £P.13,000. They would also be prepared to sanction a temporary increase of this amount by £P.500 if the Secretary of State is prepared to agree that £P.13,000 should be regarded as the normal figure for the total of Heads I (*a*) and I (*b*), and that a reduction to this figure will be effected either next year or as soon thereafter as may be found practicable. In this connexion the Secretary of State will be aware of the fact that some part of the Amir's personal allowance is at present devoted to repayment of debts and some relief may therefore be expected from this quarter in due course.

23. With regard to other matters raised in the letter of the 22nd January*, I am to say that My Lords share the Secretary of State's opinion that it is undesirable to write off the final instalment on £P.250 due from the Amir Abdullah in respect of the Zizia land advance; and, further, that the High Commissioner should be asked for an explanation of Item 4 of the Amir's debts, relative to the cost of a Dodge car.

Head II, Item 2. Interest on Loans from Palestine Government.

24. The draft provision of £P.1,440 shows an increase of £P.457 over last year. Since, however, it is now proposed that the loan of £P.8,075 from the Palestine Government (see paragraph 35) shall be repaid forthwith, with a consequential saving in interest charges, this item should be reduced by £P.320 to £P.1,120.

Head IV. Pensions.

25. This year's provision of £P.8,300 is greater by £P.600 than last year's. My Lords would be glad to receive a report on the cause of the rapid increase under this Head from £P.3,609 in 1928 to this year's total.

Head IX. Ministry of Finance.

26. My Lords note that Item 24 will be deleted.

Head XI. Public Health.

27. My Lords note that in addition to the increase of £P.226 which appeared in the original Estimates the Secretary of State desires to see further increases on this Head, amounting to £P.738, in respect of the following services:—

	£P.
Anti-tuberculosis treatment for desert patrol	400
Anti-malaria work	50
4 new posts for clerks to district medical officers	288

In deference to the views expressed by the Secretary of State, My Lords are prepared to agree to the inclusion of the first two items. My Lords feel considerable doubt as regards the new posts for clerks to district medical officers in view of what is stated in paragraph 302 of the Report of the O'Donnell Commission. My Lords will be glad if further consideration can be given as to the necessity for these posts, but They are prepared to sanction their inclusion in the Estimates.

Head XII. Education Department.

28. The original Estimate showed an increase of £P.534 over last year's provision under this Head. The Secretary of State desires, however, to see Item 42 (equipment of the Arts and Crafts School) further increased to £P.870.

My Lords think that this item should be limited to £P.700; and that Items 44 and 45 should be reduced to £P.570 and £P.665 respectively. The result of these modifications will be that the total expenditure under this Head will amount to £P.24,933.

Head XV (a). Public Works Recurrent.

29. Under Items 5 and 6 an increase of £P.100 is provided over last year's total for the provision of furniture in Government Offices and Schools. My Lords desire that half of this increase shall be postponed, with a saving of £P.50 on the Head.

* 37745/34 [No. 12]: not printed.

Head XXIII. Public Works Extraordinary.

30. My Lords are prepared to defer to the representations of the Secretary of State, and to agree to the inclusion under this Head of a further £P.312 to provide for well sinking by hand.

Head XXVIII. Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary.

31. My Lords agree that the sum of £P.700 provided under this Head for the Kerak-Tafila telephone line should be diverted to Head XIII, for the recurrent expenses of a proposed Agricultural Experiment Station, subject to the capital expenditure on this scheme being sanctioned.

Head XXX, Item 2. Expenditure from Colonial Development Fund.

32. My Lords agree that it will be desirable to remind the High Commissioner that the second stage of the water supply scheme sanctioned by the Colonial Development Advisory Committee should not be undertaken without reference to the Secretary of State.

33. The modifications set out in the preceding paragraphs are as follows:—

	£P.
Provision for " unforeseen " expenditure (see paragraph 20)	223
Head I, Civil List	500
Head II, Public Debt and Loan Charges	320
Head IX, Ministry of Finance	50
Head XII, Education Department	249
Head XV (*a*), Public Works Recurrent	50
Total	£P.1,392

After deducting this figure from the total estimated expenditure of £P.340,738 given in paragraph 5, the total estimated expenditure will be £P.339,346. My Lords are pleased to approve the estimate of expenditure at this figure and the estimate of revenue at £P.272,876.

Working Cash Balance.

34. My Lords note that it is proposed to set aside £P.4,000 from the surplus of £P.32,845 as a working cash balance. They would be glad to be informed of the manner in which it is proposed to utilize this balance, and of the grounds on which it is calculated that it will be necessary to retain this sum as a minmum cash balance.

Palestine Loan.

35. My Lords consider that the whole of the loan of £P.8,075 from the Palestine Government should be repaid forthwith.

I am, &c.,

R. V. NIND HOPKINS.

77103/35 [No. 19]. No. 34.

SIR COSMO PARKINSON (COLONIAL OFFICE)

to

MR. J. HATHORN HALL (CHIEF SECRETARY).

[*Answered by 77103/35 [No. 29]: not printed.*]

MY DEAR HALL, Downing Street, S.W.1, 28th June, 1935.

We are sending you to-day an official despatch* dealing with the Trans-Jordan Administration Estimates, 1935-36.

All the points involved are covered in the despatch, and I will not comment on them here. I send you this letter, however, to wind up the semi-official correspondence which we have had with you regarding these Estimates.

As you already know, it was not possible to proceed with your proposal for an increase of the grant-in-aid by £20,000, but we have none the less been trying to do all

* No. 35.

that we can to get Treasury sanction for the small increases which, at our suggestion, the High Commissioner put up to us in his telegram of the 11th of January*. The Treasury have met us to some extent in regard to these, but not entirely.

The grant-in-aid has been fixed at £60,000. We asked for £62,000, but the Treasury were very insistent this year in keeping all grants-in-aid as low as possible and we had to be content with £60,000. The substantial surplus balance at the 31st March last has, however, eased the situation.

In addition to fixing the grant-in-aid at £60,000 only, the Treasury have been rather meticulous this year in the examination of the Estimates, and correspondingly slow. They sent us at the beginning of June a draft of their official letter to us in which they had indicated a number of small reductions which we thought unfortunate. I enclose a copy of the semi-official reply† which was sent to them, in order that you may see that we have been pressing them as far as possible. The letter is to some extent out of date since, as a result of it, they, for the most part, met our views. None the less, you may like to see it in order that you may realize that we have been doing our best for you, and in particular for the Amir.

You will see that in that letter we said in regard to the Civil List that we must reserve the right to come back to the Treasury again if necessary when we have the High Commissioner's reactions. In the official despatch we have made it clear that if the High Commissioner at any time thinks it necessary to pursue this question, we are prepared to give it further consideration. I am sorry that we have not succeeded in getting the £500 extra for Tallal. The Treasury have, you will see, agreed to an additional £500 temporarily, their intention being, presumably, that this £500, plus the rounding up to £13,000 (which is to be permanent), will be of some help to the Amir in getting himself straight. They clearly do not intend, I think, that the £500 should be for Tallal. It would be obviously out of the question to give him £500 for a short time and then take it away, so I think the £500 must clearly be regarded as a general addition to give some small relief generally.

Yours, &c.,

A. C. C. PARKINSON.

77103/35 [No. 20]. No. 35.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

[Answered by No. 36.]

(Confidential.)

Downing Street, 28th June, 1935.

SIR,

I have the honour to refer to your despatch No. 186 of the 6th of December, 1934‡, and to your confidential despatch of the 27th of March, 1935§, regarding the Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Administration for the year 1935-36.

2. These Estimates have been laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, and I am now in a position to convey to you the following reply.

3. The Estimates as submitted with your despatch No. 186 of the 6th of December, British Resident, on the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force and on Colonial Development 1934, provided for local revenue and expenditure (exclusive of expenditure on the Fund schemes) as follows:—

Revenue	£P.271,050
Expenditure	£P.330,890

and on this basis you asked for a grant-in-aid from Imperial Funds of £P.60,000. It was proposed, however, to the Treasury that the grant-in-aid should be increased to the sum of £P.62,000 with a view to providing for the additional services referred to in your telegram No. 2 of the 11th of January||. Their Lordships felt unable, however, to invite Parliament to provide a grant in excess of £P.60,000 and provision has been made accordingly.

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* 37803/34 [No. 10]: not printed. † 77103/35 [No. 17]: not printed. ‡ No. 28.
§ Enclosure 4 in No. 30. || 37803/34 [No. 10]: not printed.

4. Since the receipt of the original Estimates and your telegram of the 11th of January, you have made proposals for a number of further items of expenditure. The items of expenditure not included in the original Estimates may be summarized as follows:—

	£P.
(*a*) Items to be met from the surplus available at the end of the financial year 1934-35:	
Repayment of loan from Government of Palestine ...	8,075
Provision of working balance	4,000
	£P.12,075
(*b*) Additional items of expenditure to be defrayed from revenue in 1935-36:	
Proposals made in your telegram of 11th January ...	2,000
Transfer to 1935-36 of certain expenditure authorized in 1934-35—paragraph 2 of your confidential despatch of the 27th March	4,165
Further additional services proposed in paragraph 3 of your confidential despatch of the 27th March ...	2,483
Well-boring in desert areas—see correspondence ending with my predecessor's despatch No. 63 of the 7th May*	1,200
	£P.9,848

5. The addition of the items under (*b*) would raise the expenditure from £P.330,890 to £P.340,738.

6. I have the following comments to make upon the draft estimate of revenue:—

Head II. Item 11. Stamp Duty.

Provision is made for a reduction of £P.400 in the revenue from this source on the assumption that the new Stamp Duty Law would be in force during the current financial year. In my predecessor's despatch No. 8 of the 18th of January† he suggested that some of the duties proposed under the new draft law should be scaled up so as to ensure as far as possible that the yield from the new duties would not be less than under the existing legislation. In your despatch No. 67 of the 7th of May‡ you have brought to my notice certain further aspects of this question. These are under consideration and I will address you further on the matter in due course. In the meantime, since the draft law cannot be introduced in the Legislative Council till late in the year, I have assumed that the previous year's figure of £P.6,400 should be re-inserted in the Estimates in respect of the present year.

Head II. Item 14. Income Tax.

The proposal that British personnel of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force should pay Income Tax has now been abandoned. In this connexion attention is invited to the correspondence ending with your confidential despatch of the 7th of June§. In view of the information given in paragraph 5 of your confidential despatch of the 6th of March|| this item of revenue can now be estimated at £P.5,200.

Head II. Item 15. Land Tax.

It is noted that the estimated gross yield of this tax (£P.78,000) is some £P.7,700 in excess of the combined yield in 1929-30 of the three former taxes which it has replaced, although it was the expectation of the O'Donnell Commission (paragraph 309 of the Report) that the former combined yield would be exceeded by £P.10,000. The Treasury desire to know what view is now held regarding the future yield of this tax and I shall be obliged if you will furnish me with this information.

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* 77125/35 [No. 7]: not printed. † 37796/34 [No. 10]: not printed.
‡ 77096/35 [No. 1]: not printed. § 77085/35 [No. 12]: not printed.
|| 77085/35 [No. 5]: not printed.

As regards the net yield for 1935-36, I consider that this should be estimated at £P.68,100, as recommended in paragraph 2 of your despatch of the 6th of December*.

Head VII. Item 2. Share of Profits, Palestine Currency.

I agree that the estimated share of Trans-Jordan under this item should be increased to £P.10,000.

7. In my despatch No. 82 of the 14th of June† I informed you that the Saudi Government have now paid their half-share of the total expense of Mr. MacDonnell's investigation held in 1930 into raids between Trans-Jordan and Nejd. This payment should be added to the current year's revenue.

8. To sum up the revenue position, I consider that the following modifications in the Estimate should be made:—

Head II. Item 11. An increase of £P.400.
Head II. Item 14. A decrease of £P.300.
Head II. Item 15. A decrease of £P.3,900.
Head VII. Item 2. An increase of £P.3,900.
Payment in respect of Mr. MacDonnell's Arbitration, £P.1,726.

The total estimate of revenue is thus increased by £P.1,826 to £P.272,876.

9. I now turn to the proposals for Expenditure made in the Estimates as originally submitted together with the additional proposals subsequently put forward and summarized in paragraph 4 above.

10. I approve your recommendation that the various items of expenditure enumerated in paragraph 2 of your confidential despatch of the 27th of March‡, amounting in all to £P.4,165, should be carried out in the current financial year. I also sanction the additional services estimated to cost £P.2,483 set out in paragraph 3 of the same despatch, with the exception of the provision of £P.223 for "unforeseen" expenditure. This amount was only included for purposes of rounding.

11. I have the following comments to make on the various Heads of Expenditure.

Head I. Civil List.

As originally drafted, this Head showed an increase of £P.579 over the preceding year, of which £P.500 was on account of the proposed increase in the Amir Tallal's allowance, in view of his recent marriage, from £P.820 to £P.1,320. In your telegram No. 2 of the 11th of January§ you proposed various further additions to the Civil List amounting to £P.680 and you explained these proposals in detail in your confidential despatch of the 10th of January||. These further additions were laid before the Treasury, who were asked to accord their sanction to them. Their Lordships regret that they are unable to approve these additions, but they have intimated that they are ready to agree to certain small increases. At the present time the total of item 1 (*a*) (His Highness the Amir's personal allotment) and item 1 (*b*) (His Highness the Amir Tallal) is £P.12,820. The Treasury are prepared to agree that this total may be rounded up to £P.13,000. They are also prepared to sanction a temporary increase of this amount by £P.500 on the understanding that £P.13,000 should be regarded as the normal figure for the totals of items 1 (*a*) and 1 (*b*) and that a reduction to this figure will be effected either next year or as soon thereafter as may be found practicable. It has been intimated to the Treasury that while I see no alternative but to accept their proposals for the moment, I must reserve the right to re-open the question with them if at any time you consider that the Amir's financial position makes it desirable to reconsider the position.

I regret that I did not feel able to support the recommendation made in paragraph 11 of your confidential despatch of the 10th of January that approval should be given for the writing off of the final instalment of £P.250 due from the Amir on account of the Zizia land advance. Although the transaction out of which this arose took place some time ago, when financial control of the Amir's activities was much less strict, the transaction was in itself of a dubious nature, and I feel reluctant to condone it. I consider, therefore, that the Amir must be required to pay the final instalment.

* No. 28. † 79074/35 [No. 6]: not printed. ‡ Enclosure 4 in No. 30.
§ 37803/34 [No. 10]: not printed. || 37745/34 [No. 10]: not printed.

I notice among the debts owing by the Amir the sum of £P.320 for the cost of a Dodge car. I shall be obliged if you will inform me of the circumstances in which this debt was incurred.

Head II. Item 2. Interest on Loans from Palestine Government.

Since it is now proposed that the loan of £P.8,075 from the Palestine Government to which I refer below, shall be repaid forthwith, with a consequential saving in interest charges, this item should be reduced by £P.320 to £P.1,120.

Head IV. Pensions.

The Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have requested that they may receive a report on the cause of the rapid increase under this head from £P.3,609 in 1928 to the present total: I shall be obliged if you will arrange for a report to be prepared and forwarded to me.

Head IX. Item 24. Ministry of Finance.

This provision can be deleted. Attention is invited to my predecessor's confidential despatch of the 11th of January*.

Head XI. Public Health.

In your telegram No. 2 of the 11th January† you proposed increases under this head amounting to £P.738 in respect of the following services:—

	£P.
Anti-tuberculosis treatment for desert patrol	400
Anti-malaria work	50
Four new posts for clerks to District Medical Officers ...	288

I approve the first two items. In regard to the third, I am prepared to sanction the inclusion of this provision in the Estimates, but in view of what is stated in paragraph 302 of the report of the O'Donnell Commission, I request that I may be supplied with more detailed information as to the necessity for these posts. I note that your main reason for proposing these posts is that the Medical Officers have no clerical assistance, and that much of their time which should be spent out in their districts is necessarily devoted to clerical and accounting duties, but it will be of assistance if you can inform me why the O'Donnell Commission were not prepared to endorse this proposal in 1931 and in what respects the position has changed since that date. Pending the receipt of this additional information and a further reference to the Treasury on the matter, no expenditure should be incurred.

Head XII. Education Department.

In your telegram No. 2 of the 11th of January† you proposed that Item 42 should be increased by £P.270. I consider that this item should be limited to £P.700 and that Items 44 and 45 should be reduced to £P.570 and £P.665 respectively. The result of these modifications will be that the total expenditure under this head will amount to £P.24,933.

Head XV.A. Public Works Recurrent.

Under Items 5 and 6 an increase of £P.100, is provided over last year's total for the provision of furniture in Government offices and schools. I would propose that half of this increase should be postponed with a saving of £P.50 on the head.

Head XXIII. Public Works Extraordinary.

I am prepared to agree to the inclusion under this head of a further £P.312 to provide for well sinking by hand in accordance with the proposal made in your telegram No. 2 of the 11th of January.

Head XXVIII. Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary.

I agree that the sum of £P.700 provided under this head for the Kerak-Tafila telephone line should be diverted to Head XIII. For the recurrent expenses of the proposed Agricultural Experiment Station, subject to the capital expenditure on this scheme being sanctioned.

* P.F. 19148 [No. 174]: not printed. † 37803/34 [No. 10]: not printed.

12. The modifications set out in the preceding paragraphs are as follows:—

	£P.
Provision for " unforeseen " expenditure	223
Head I. Civil List	500
Head II. Public Debt and Loan Charges	320
Head IX. Ministry of Finance	50
Head XII. Education Department	249
Head XV.A. Public Works Recurrent	50
	£P.1,392

13. After deducting this figure from the total estimated expenditure of £P.340,738, the total estimated expenditure will be £P.339,346. I approve the estimate of expenditure at this figure and the estimate of revenue at £P.272,876. To the estimate of expenditure there may be added under Head I (Civil List) the sums of £P.180 and £P.500 to which reference is made in paragraph 11 above.

14. The Lords Commissioners of the Treasury consider, and I agree, that the whole of the loan of £P.8,075 from the Palestine Government should be repaid forthwith.

15. In approving the Estimates, the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have made certain further comments which are as follows:—

They note that the year 1934-35 ended with a surplus of £P.32,845, and they have asked to be informed of the main causes contributing to this satisfactory out-turn in spite of the fact that some months before the end of the year it was anticipated that there would be a very small surplus only. The Treasury invite attention to the considerable divergence between the actual out-turn and the forecast submitted towards the end of the financial year, on the basis of which they agreed to the issue in full of the grant-in-aid for 1934-35. They request that attention should be specially drawn to this matter and that all possible steps should be taken to ensure that reliable forecasts of the out-turn of the year are furnished towards the close of the financial year before a decision is reached whether the grant-in-aid should be issued in full. I appreciate the difficulties of making reliable forecasts in the peculiar circumstances of Trans-Jordan, but the figure of the estimated surplus at 31st March, 1935, given in your despatch No. 174 of the 16th of November, 1934*, and in your despatch No. 32 of the 7th of March, 1935†, differed very greatly from the figure subsequently furnished, and in particular from the figure finally given in your telegram No. 25 of the 7th May‡, and I trust that it will be possible in future to arrange for a more accurate estimate of the anticipated surplus to be provided, say early in March, which is the period when a decision has to be reached as to the final instalment of the grant-in-aid.

16. The Treasury refer also to paragraphs 316 and 317 of the report of the O'Donnell Commission in which it was contemplated that the subsidy from Imperial Funds would be reduced to £P.59,000 in 1932-33, and that, in the absence of abnormal disturbing factors, the grant-in-aid should be susceptible of gradual reduction in successive years. The Treasury appreciate that various causes have operated to make it impossible to reduce the grant-in-aid in recent years to the extent contemplated by the Commission. Nevertheless, they trust that a determined effort will be made to effect a progressive reduction in the amount of the grant-in-aid in future years, and they have felt bound to ask again that proposals involving any increases in recurrent expenditure should be very closely scrutinized.

17. The Treasury have also asked that consideration should be given as to the necessity for maintaining a working balance of £P.4,000. This arrangement has been in force for some years and has in the past been acceptable to the Treasury. The proposal was originally made at a time when there was a deficit in the Budget, but in recent years there have been substantial surpluses. I shall be obliged if you will consider whether it is necessary to provide the whole of this sum in future and whether you think that at any rate some reduction in it can be made.

I have, &c.,

MALCOLM MacDONALD.

* Enclosure 2 in No. 30. † 37731/34 [No. 9]: not printed. ‡ 77103/35 [No. 14]: not printed.

77103/35 [No. 28]. No. 36.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER

to

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 26th August, 1935.)

[*Answered by No. 39.*]

(Confidential.)

SIR, Jerusalem, 17th August, 1935.

I have the honour to refer to your confidential despatch of the 28th June, 1935*, regarding the Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Administration for the financial year 1935/36, and to submit the following observations on certain points raised therein.

2. *Revenue.*

(*a*) Head II, Item 11. I agree that the previous year's figure of £P.6,400 should be reinserted.

(*b*) Head II, Item 14. I agree that this Item should now be estimated at £P.5,200.

(*c*) Head II, Item 15. The fact that the estimated gross yield of the Land Tax has not yet exceeded by £P.10,000 the combined yield of the three former taxes which it has replaced, as expected by the O'Donnell Commission, is attributable to the operation of article 16 of the Land Tax Law, which provides for a temporary reduction of the amount payable where the new assessment on a tax payer exceeds the total of his previous assessments by 50 per cent. The reduction is progressively diminished during the first five years after the imposition of the Land Tax and in the sixth year the full assessment will be payable. It is considered that by the year 1939 the total yield of the Land Tax will undoubtedly exceed the total annual assessments which it has replaced by £P.10,000.

(*d*) Expenses of the MacDonnell investigation. The half-share of these expenses which has now been refunded by the Saudi Government appears in the Trans-Jordan accounts below the line, being treated as an advance. It is so shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Trans-Jordan Government as at the 31st March, 1934, a copy of which was included among the documents accompanying the draft Estimates enclosed in Sir Arthur Wauchope's despatch No. 186 of the 6th December, 1934†. Consequently the recovery of the sum of £P.1,726 will not affect the Revenue Estimates.

3. *Expenditure.*

(*a*) Head I. I note that the Treasury are prepared to agree that the total of Items 1 (*a*) and 1 (*b*) may be rounded up to £P.13,000, and that in the current year this amount may be increased to £P.13,500. I regret that Their Lordships were unable to approve in full the additions which were proposed, and I anticipate that I shall be compelled to address you again in due course regarding the necessity for further consideration of the resources of both the Amir Abdullah and the Amir Tallal.

The Dodge motor car, the cost of which was shown among the debts of the Amir, was purchased by His Highness for the more lowly domestic and transport purposes, such as the casual conveyance of his subordinate staff and the haulage of his caravan, for which his first and second State cars are not suitable. His Highness acquired the car under the usual arrangement to pay by instalments: the debt has been paid off.

(*b*) Head II, Item 2. The Trans-Jordan Government were not in a position to repay the loan of £P.8,075 to Palestine until the beginning of this month. This has now been done, but as the provision of £P.320 represents the interest

* No. 35. † No. 28.

on the loan for the first twelve months since it was granted—that is, for the period ending the 19th September,—the saving of interest charges is £P.40 only. The revised figure for this Item should therefore be £P.1,400.

(*c*) Head IV. A report on the cause of the rapid increase in expenditure on pensions and gratuities is being prepared and will be submitted to you under cover of a separate despatch.

(*d*) Head XI. I note your approval for the expenditure of £P.400 on anti-tuberculosis treatment for men of the Desert Patrol, and of an additional amount of £P.50 on anti-malarial measures. As regards the proposal to create four new posts for clerks to District Medical Officers, provision for these appointments was first made in the draft Trans-Jordan Estimates for 1930-31. The appointments, however, were not made at the time, owing to lack of funds, and the provision was subsequently deleted as a result of the report of the O'Donnell Commission. I am informed that the view of the Commission was that as the work had been done for several years without the assistance of clerks the additional expenditure could not be justified having regard to the straitened financial resources of the territory at that time: they did not question the fact that the appointment of the clerks would greatly increase the value of the services of the District Medical Officers. The position has changed since that date in so far as the revenues of Trans-Jordan are by degrees being established on a sounder basis, so that although it has not yet been possible to propose a reduction in the grant-in-aid, the different services of the Government have been greatly improved, though they still fall far short of the minimum desirable. In amplification of the reasons given in the High Commissioner's telegram No. 2 of the 11th January, 1935* in support of this proposal, I should explain that at present the whole office staff of a District Medical Officer consists of the Medical Officer himself and one orderly. The Medical Officer is consequently obliged himself to undertake the multifarious petty clerical duties involved in the conduct of correspondence, the submission of returns, the maintenance of accounts of money and stores and records of births and deaths and of infectious diseases, and the initiation of prosecutions for offences under the Health Laws. These duties unavoidably occupy a large proportion of the Medical Officer's time, preventing him from utilizing his professional qualifications to the best advantage of the population. I shall be glad if the question may be re-considered and authority given for the creation of the proposed posts with effect from the 1st October, 1935.

(*e*) Head XII. The increase of £P.270 recommended under Item 42 was intended to provide for the purchase of a veneering press. While the additional £P.100 approved in paragraph 11 of your despatch could be devoted to the purchase of other equipment, the veneering press is regarded as the item most necessary to the work of the School, after the equipment for which provision was made in the original draft Estimates has been acquired. I shall be grateful, therefore, if the proposal may be further considered and approval given for the expenditure of a further £P.170 for the purpose, raising the total of Item 42 to £P.870.

(*f*) Head XXVIII. In your confidential despatch of the 9th August, 1935†, you have approved the expenditure of £P.700 on the Kerak-Tafileh telephone line, as originally proposed, on the understanding that no recurrent expenditure is likely to be incurred on the proposed Agricultural Experiment and Demonstration Station before the 1st April, 1936.

4. With regard to paragraph 15 of your despatch there were three principal causes contributing to the unexpected surplus of £P.32,845 which the Trans-Jordan Administration had in hand at the close of the year 1934/35, namely:—

(*a*) certain works and services which were approved for the past financial year were not completed in time, with the result that it has been necessary to apply to you for sanction to revote in the current financial year a number of items of expenditure, totalling £P.5,634, approval for which has now been given in your despatch confidential 2 of the 9th August‡;

(*b*) a sum of £P.3,500 being the first instalment of an approved grant from the Colonial Development Fund towards the reconstruction of the road from the Allenby Bridge to Es Salt, was received a few days before the close of the past financial year;

* 37803/34 [No. 10]: not printed.

† 77103/35 [No. 26]: not printed.

‡ 77103/35 [No. 27]: not printed.

(*c*) as a result of the abnormally heavy rains early in February, 1935, a railway bridge in the Yarmuk valley, on the line by which goods in transit through Palestine are sent to Trans-Jordan, was destroyed. It was expected that this interruption of communications would result in a considerable decrease in Customs revenue for the last two months of the financial year, but *ad hoc* arrangements were made for the transport of goods in transit from Palestine by road, so that the volume of the traffic was maintained, and in addition there was an unprecedented volume of imports of silk which it is believed was destined for contraband re-export to Syria and Saudi Arabia.

In addition a considerable number of small economies were effected in departmental expenditure, as a result of instructions issued by the Chief Minister in September, 1934, when it was feared that the revenue of the territory would be below the Estimate. During the latter part of the financial year the Trans-Jordan Government exerted pressure on the District authorities with the result that the collections of taxation greatly improved; the departmental economies, however, were not restored.

I appreciate your desire to receive, towards the close of each financial year, as reliable a forecast as possible of the out-turn of the year. The Acting British Resident in Trans-Jordan assures me that care is always taken to make the forecasts as accurate as possible. Some of the factors which account for the great difference between the earlier forecasts and the final figure are not likely to be present on future occasions, and every effort will be made to ensure that in future the estimate of the anticipated surplus to be provided early in March each year shall be as accurate as possible.

5. I note the observations of the Treasury regarding the anticipation of the O'Donnell Commission that the grant-in-aid from His Majesty's Government might be reduced to £P.59,000 in the financial year 1932/33 and, in the absence of abnormal disturbing factors, might be gradually reduced in successive years. The possibility of effecting a progressive reduction in future years will be borne constantly in mind, and particular attention will be paid to any proposals involving any increases in recurrent expenditure, but it would be idle to suggest that I can foresee any immediate possibility of reducing the grant. The High Commissioner has submitted particulars of a number of schemes towards which it is hoped that assistance may be obtained from the Colonial Development Fund, and these will, I trust, result in a gradual improvement in the economic situation of the country. But for the present the funds which can be made available for certain Government services are admittedly inadequate, and if local revenues should improve in the near future it would be for consideration whether any additional funds which might be available should not be devoted in the first place to the improvement of those services rather than to an immediate reduction of the grant-in-aid.

6. After consultation with the Acting British Resident I agree that it is no longer necessary to provide so much as £P.4,000 as a working balance. Subject to your approval I propose that the amount should be reduced provisionally to approximately £P.2,000.

7. I am addressing you separately regarding certain additional proposals for expenditure which the Trans-Jordan Government have submitted and I shall take the opportunity of summarizing at the same time the changes to be introduced into the Estimates, as approved, arising out of the foregoing observations.

I have, &c.,

J. HATHORN HALL,

Acting High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan.

77103/35 [No. 30]. No. 37.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER

to

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 23rd September, 1935.)

[*Answered by 77103/35 [No. 31]: not printed and No. 39.*]

(No. 123.)

SIR, Jerusalem, 14th September, 1935.

I have the honour to refer to my Confidential despatch of the 17th August, 1935*, and to submit for your consideration the following proposals which have been made by the Trans-Jordan Government for revision of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the current financial year. A memorandum by the Financial Adviser, giving detailed explanations of the proposed changes, is enclosed.

Revenue.

2. (*a*) Head I, Item 3. It is proposed that the estimate should be increased by £P.3,300 to £P.50,700. For the past few months the Customs receipts have considerably exceeded expectations, and although the increase is due to exceptional factors there is not yet any sign of a decline. The total receipts under Head I for the period from the 1st April to the 31st August were approximately £P.55,500, that is to say, more than one-half the original estimate, and I consider that the estimate for the current year may safely be increased by £P.3,300 as proposed by the Trans-Jordan Government.

(*b*) Head II, Item 15. In his confidential despatch of the 15th June, 1935†, Sir Arthur Wauchope informed you that it had been found necessary to make a detailed inspection of the crops in certain areas which had been damaged by a spell of exceptional heat. I now enclose a copy of a joint report‡ submitted by Mr. A. S. Kirkbride, Assistant British Resident, and Mr. R. S. Champion, Financial Adviser. They advise that it is necessary to allow for remissions totalling £P.13,809 from the current year's assessment: as, however, allowance is always made, in framing the Estimates, for the expectation that a proportion of the amount due will not be collected in the year of assessment, the reduction to be made in the estimated receipts in the current financial year, on account of these proposed remissions, is 90 per cent of £P.13,809, that is £P.12,428. In the original draft Estimates, allowance was made for remissions totalling £P.6,000, and in paragraph 6 of your confidential despatch of the 28th June§ you approved my recommendation that the estimated yield for 1935-36 should be reduced by a further amount of £P.3,900. I am satisfied that the recommendations made by Mr. Kirkbride and Mr. Champion are based on careful personal inspection, and in so far as they relate to remissions of current taxation I consider that they should be approved. Item 15 of Head II should therefore be reduced by a further amount of £P.2,528. I shall address you separately regarding the proposal, mentioned in paragraph 6 of their report, that the seed loans issued in 1934 should be written off.

(*c*) Head II, Items 10, 15, 18, 19, 20. As the Land Tax has not been applied throughout the Ajlun District the different taxes which it is destined to replace will be collected instead from villages to which the Land Tax has not been applied. Item 15 must consequently be reduced further by £P.23,800 and Items 10, 18, 19, and 20 increased by varying sums which together make the same amount.

(*d*) Head XI, Item 1. In paragraph 4 (*b*) of my confidential despatch of the 17th August*, I explained that the first instalment, £P.3,500, of the grant from the Colonial Development Fund towards the reconstruction of the road from the Allenby Bridge to Es Salt was received a few days before the end of the past financial year. Provision for this instalment had been included in the draft Estimates for 1935-36, and Item 1 of Head XI must now be reduced accordingly.

Expenditure.

3. (*a*) Head VII. Both the Judicial Adviser and the Minister of Justice report that the present clerical staff of the Department is insufficient to deal with the growing volume of work largely due to the recent introduction of revised Financial Regulations, which follow, with very little change, the Palestine Financial Regulations. They also

* No. 36. † 77103/35 [No. 22]: not printed. ‡ Not printed. § No. 35.

press for the appointment of an additional clerk to the inadequate clerical staff of the District Court, Amman. I regard it as important that the clerical and accounting side of the Judicial Department should be as adequately staffed as is possible with the funds available, and I endorse the recommendation of the Trans-Jordan Government for the appointment of an accountant at the minimum salary of the grade £P.13-½-16 a month, and of an additional clerk at the minimum salary of the grade £P.9-½-12 a month. I shall be glad if approval may be given for the new appointments to be made with effect from the 1st October, 1935.

(*b*) Head VIII. It is proposed that the post of Kadi at Amman should be regraded from the grade £P.17-½-20 to the grade £P.21-1-25 a month. The British Resident advises me that the present grading and salary of the appointment are not commensurate with the status and prestige of the post of Kadi at the capital, and also that the present holder of the post is himself deserving of the higher position and emoluments. The Kadis at Kerak and Irbid are already on the grade £P.21-1-25 a month.

I recommend that this regrading should be sanctioned with effect from the 1st October, 1935.

(*c*) Head IX, Item 2. In consequence of the secondment of Mr. R. S. Champion to be Financial Adviser to the Trans-Jordan Government in place of Mr. A. L. Kirkbride, it is necessary to increase the provision under this Item by £P.93 to £P.1,083.

(*d*) Head IX, Items 3 and 4. The Trans-Jordan Government consider that the duties and responsibilities of the two Assistant Treasurers in charge respectively of the accounts and revenue sections of the Treasury are inadequately remunerated by their present grade of £P.26-1-31 a month, and they propose that the two posts should be placed in the grade £P.32-1-37, and the present holders promoted thereto, with effect from the 1st October, 1935. For similar reasons they propose that the Controller of Stores should be promoted from the grade £P.21-1-25 to the grade £P.26-1-31 a month.

The Trans-Jordan Government approved these regradings in principle in the year 1934, but could not put them into effect on account of financial stringency. I accept the considered view of the British Resident that these regradings and promotions should be sanctioned, and I shall be glad if you will approve them.

(*e*) Head X, Item 3. The Trans-Jordan Government recommend the regrading of the post of the Senior Customs and Excise Officer from the grade £P.17-½-20 a month to the grade £P.21-1-25, with effect from the 1st October next. The British Resident has satisfied himself that this promotion is desirable, and I shall be glad if you will approve it.

(*f*) Head XI, Item 11. It is proposed to regrade the post of Head Nurse in the Government Dispensary at Amman from the grade £P.6-½-8 a month to the grade £P.9-½-12, with effect from the 1st October next. I recommend this promotion.

(*g*) Head XI, Item 41. It is desired to purchase additional equipment, the lack of which is handicapping the work of the bacteriological laboratory. I recommend the increase of this item from £P.1,000 to £P.1,115.

(*h*) Head XI, Item 43. Dr. MacLennan, Senior Medical Officer (Endemic Diseases), Palestine, was invited to visit Trans-Jordan to advise on the health conditions of the Desert Patrol of the Arab Legion. One of his recommendations was that the settlers at Azrak should be inoculated with atebrine and plasmoquine so that they might not become a source of infection to others. I endorse the proposal of the Trans-Jordan Government that this Item should be increased by £P.50 for the purpose.

(*i*) Head XII, Item 2. The Trans-Jordan Government propose the creation of an additional post of Inspector in the Department of Education. The British Resident reports that it is quite clear that the efficiency of the schools is suffering for lack of adequate inspection and I shall be glad if the proposal may be approved. It is proposed to make provision for the post in the grade £P.26-1-31 a month, but if it should prove possible to engage a suitable candidate in the lower grade of £P.21-1-25 this will be done.

(*j*) Head XII, Items 2, 5, 21, 29. In the year 1934 the Trans-Jordan Government decided in principle that the posts of the Senior Inspector, the Accountant, and one Headmistress in the Department of Education should be regraded, with the promotion of the present holders of the posts. The proposals were deferred on account of financial stringency at the time, and it is now proposed to carry them out with effect from the 1st October, 1935, together with the regrading of the post of Carpentry Instructor in the Arts and Crafts School which the Government also recommend. The British Resident

is satisfied that the regradings should take place, and I shall be glad if you will approve them. The four appointments, which are in the grades £P.26-1-31, £P.9-½-12, £P.13-½-16 and £P.9-½-12 a month respectively, would be regraded to £P.32-1-37, £P.13-½-16, £P.17-½-20 and £P.13-½-16.

(*k*) Head XII, Item 36. If the new appointment of Inspector proposed at sub-paragraph (i) above is approved, it will be necessary to increase Item 36 by £P.50 to meet the travelling expenses of this additional officer.

(*l*) Head XII, Item 42. Approval for the expenditure of the amount of £P.178 which remained unspent from the corresponding Item in the 1934-35 Estimates has been given in your despatch confidential 2 of the 9th August*. Also in paragraph 3 (*e*) of my confidential despatch of the 17th August† I have requested an additional increase of £P.170 under this Item to provide the full amount of £P.270 recommended in the High Commissioner's telegram No. 2 of the 11th January, 1935‡.

The Trans-Jordan Government now request that a further provision of £P.50 may be made, for the purchase of accessories for a new lathe which has been ordered. I therefore recommend that this Item should be increased to £P.1,098.

(*m*) Head XIII and Head XXV. Consequent on the finding of water in sufficient quantity and of satisfactory quality at the bore sunk at Meshetta (Teneib), it becomes necessary to make provision for the completion of the watering station which forms the second stage of the scheme, and for its maintenance. The following new Items are proposed in this connexion:—

		£P.
Head XIII, Item 11 (*a*).	Overseer (£P.13-½-16 p.m.) from 1.11.35	65
14 (*a*).	Pumpman (£P.5 p.m.) from 1.11.35	25
14 (*b*).	Poultryman (£P.5 p.m.) from 1.11.35	25
14 (*c*).	Sheep herder (£P.3 p.m.) from 1.3.36	3
35.	Maintenance of Teneib Farm ...	112
Head XXV, Item 2.	Teneib Farm, Building and Fencing	1,000
3.	Teneib Farm, Stock and Equipment...	400

In your confidential despatch of the 5th July, 1935§, you observe that the cost of the pump which it is proposed to install at the bore hole will absorb almost entirely the grant of £P.475 which has been provisionally approved for this stage of the scheme. The proposed new provision under Item 2 of Head XXV includes funds for constructing the water tank, trough, quarters and engine room: full particulars of the calculation of the Item are as follows:—

	£P.
Land	20
Fencing (exterior)	100
Fencing (interior)	225
Reservoir	55
Drinking Trough	25
Engine Shed	100
Quarters	250
Stable	60
Office and Store	100
Sheep and Goat Shelter	55
Dip	10
	£P.1,000

In the course of his recent visit to Trans-Jordan the Agricultural Adviser to the Colonial Office visited the site. Mr. Stockdale advised that although generally it is not economic to pump water from so great a depth (504 feet) for dairy farming, yet in the circumstances obtaining in Trans-Jordan a trial of stock fattening and poultry raising would be justified. Stock and poultry in good condition should find a ready market in Palestine, which at present is supplied largely from 'Iraq and Saudi Arabia, and it is estimated that the proposed stations will eventually produce a revenue of £P.400 a year. I shall be glad to have your authority for the inclusion of the Items shown above in the Estimates for the current year.

(*n*) Head XIII, Item 26. It is proposed to increase this Item by £P.475 to £P.600. In the process of Land Settlement considerable areas of forest land have been registered as Government land, and it is desired to re-plant the bare patches which exist within these areas. In 1934 a British Chief Forest Ranger was appointed, and he would now begin the afforestation of some of the bare hills in the Ma'an and Kerak Districts. I recommend that this should be approved.

* 77103/35 [No. 27]: not printed. † No. 36. ‡ 37803/34 [No. 10]: not printed.
§ 77093/1/35 [No. 10]: not printed.

(*o*) Head XIII—A. A report of the Committee appointed to study the possibility of developing the resources of Trans-Jordan, which formed the sub-enclosure in Sir Arthur Wauchope's confidential despatch of the 5th January, 1935*, includes a recommendation for the establishment of Co-operative Societies, under the supervision of the Department of Development. The establishment of the latter Department is still problematical, but the Trans-Jordan Government recommend that the appointment and training of a Registrar of Co-operative Societies should be put in hand with effect from the 1st October, 1935. They propose that the appointment should be offered to Taufiq Bey Abul Huda, who left the service of the Trans-Jordan Government in March, 1934, after a period of twelve years in which he served successively as Inspector of Finance, Treasurer, Director of Land Registry, Chief Secretary and Director of the Agricultural Bank. I fully agree with the proposal to proceed with the organization of Co-operative Societies, but I am not satisfied that there is justification for offering Taufiq Bey salary at the maximum of the grade £P.48-2-58, as is at present suggested, and I am in communication with the Acting British Resident on this subject. I shall address you separately on this question in due course, and in the meantime I recommend that provisional approval should be given to insert in the Estimates provision for the post for six months from the 1st October, 1935, at the salary advocated by the Trans-Jordan Government, that is, a total of £P.348 for the period.

(*p*) Head XV. The Trans-Jordan Government find it necessary, on account of the increased activities of the Public Works Department, to propose the appointment with effect from the 1st October, 1935, of an additional engineer and clerk in that Department, in the grades £P.26-1-31 and £P.9-½-12 a month respectively. The British Resident confirms that these new appointments are necessary, and I shall be glad if you will authorize the increase accordingly of Item 2 from £P.1,116 to £P.1,272 and of Item 8 from £P.410 to £P.464.

(*q*) Head XV—A, Item 4. It has been necessary to undertake extensive repairs to the Government offices at Es Salt, as a result of a fire which occurred there early in the present year. In the meantime temporary premises have been leased, and mainly on this account it is necessary to increase the provision under this Item by £P.169. This will also provide for the leasing of premises for the Infant Welfare Centre, which until the recent removal of the British Resident's offices was permitted to occupy a room, otherwise disused, which formed part of the garage block attached to those offices.

(*r*) Head XVI, Item 2. It is proposed to regrade the post of Inspector in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs from the grade £P.17-½-20 a month to the grade £P.21-1-25. The British Resident is satisfied that the regrading is necessary, and I recommend that it should be approved with effect from the 1st October.

(*s*) Head XVI, Items 21, 33. Pending further consideration of the proposals for the provision of a new telephone exchange at Amman it is essential to carry out certain improvements to the existing exchange. On the other hand it has not been necessary to engage two of the head linemen for whom provision was made in the Estimate. Item 21 should accordingly be reduced by £P.150, and approval is sought for the increase of Item 33 by £P.250.

(*t*) Head XVIII, Items 3, 4. In view of the regrading of Major Glubb's appointment, which was sanctioned by your predecessor's confidential despatch of the 20th December, 1934†, it is necessary to increase Item 3 by £P.150, and to decrease Item 4 by £P.50.

(*u*) Head XVIII—A, Item 13. The computation on which the provision of £P.312 made in the draft Estimates was based was erroneous. The correct amount should be £P.372 and I shall be glad if you will approve the increase of this Item accordingly.

(*v*) Head XVIII, Item 22a. For the adequate control of the wireless telegraph stations of the Arab Legion the Trans-Jordan Government find it necessary to appoint two wireless telegraph supervisors. The control is already being performed by two trained operators: it is proposed to appoint them to be supervisors, at a salary of £P.10 a month, with effect from the 1st July, 1935, and to engage two further operators in their places. Provision for two posts of Superintendent was included in the Trans-Jordan Estimates for the financial year 1934-35, but the appointments were not made, and the provision was subsequently utilized to provide for additional operators on the authority of your predecessor's despatch No. 97 of the 13th August, 1934‡. I am anxious to maintain the efficiency of the wireless telegraph organization of the Arab Legion, which is of increasing importance, and which has recently earned the commendation of the Air Officer Commanding. I therefore recommend the proposal.

(*w*) Head XVIII—A, Items 29, 46. Adjustments are necessary to provide the amounts properly payable as salaries and desert allowances. Item 29 should be increased by £P.114 to £P.768, and Item 46 by £P.48, to £P.252.

* 77114/35 [No. 1]: not printed. † P.F. 19148 [No. 171]: not printed.
‡ 37729/34 [No. 29]: not printed.

(*x*) Head XVIII—A, Item 55. In pursuance of an agreement between the Palestine and Trans-Jordan Governments each Administration will post a Passport Control Officer at the Allenby Bridge over the River Jordan. It is proposed to provide for the Trans-Jordan appointment by creating an additional post of clerk in the grade £P.9-½-12 with effect from the 1st October, 1935. I shall be glad if you will approve this proposal. It will be observed that the Trans-Jordan Government anticipate that the salary of the officer will be covered by additional passport fees which will be collected: these additional fees have been taken into account in estimating the receipts under Item 6 of Head III of the Revenue Estimates.

(*y*) Head XIX, Item 9. It is necessary to increase this Item by £P.142, to £P.652, to provide for Trans-Jordan's share of the cost of litigation in the United Kingdom regarding Messrs. Palestine Potash Limited, as requested in your predecessor's confidential despatch of the 25th May, 1935*.

(*z*) Head XXIII. The Trans-Jordan Government find it necessary to expend £P.200 on the repair of a storm water channel at Ajlun. Although this work falls within the municipal area, the revenue of the Municipality is so small that they are unable either to provide the necessary funds or to undertake to repay the cost if it should be advanced by the Government. I am advised that in its present condition the channel is a potential source of contamination of the town water supply and I recommend that sanction should be given for this work to be carried out at the expense of the Government.

(*aa*) Head XXIV, Item 3. It has been found that an additional sum of £P.57 is necessary in order to expropriate the land on which the Arab Legion Headquarters in Irbid are erected. I recommend that provision should be made accordingly.

(*bb*) Head XXV. The necessity for the provision of funds for building, fencing and stocking the watering station at Teneib has been explained in sub-paragraph (*m*) above.

(*cc*) Head XXV. The High Commissioner's despatch No. 81 of the 18th May, 1934†, furnished particulars of a scheme for planting date palms at Azrak. Arrangements were made to obtain the necessary suckers from 'Iraq, but at the last moment their export was prohibited, and it was necessary to obtain suckers from Muscat. These arrived so late that it was advisable to plant the majority in the Government nursery in the Jordan Valley, and only 600 at Azrak. Irrigation channels have been prepared at the latter place and an area has been made available which will accommodate a further 2,000 plants. The scheme, which is the outcome of collaboration between the Director of Lands, the Director of Agriculture and the Officer Commanding the Desert Patrol of the Arab Legion, envisages the transformation of this area into a permanent date palm grove which will be handed over to Bedouin families at the rate of two dunums to a family as soon as the palms are bearing.

I strongly recommend the provision of the additional £P.474 for which the Trans-Jordan Government ask for the continuation of this valuable project.

(*dd*) Head XXXI. It is proposed to create a new Head, Lands Department Extraordinary, and to make provision thereunder for the construction at Amman of new offices for the Department. The present premises, which are leased, are overcrowded, and are, moreover, unsuitable for the safe custody of the very valuable maps and records of the Department, which are rapidly increasing in number. No other suitable premises are available and the present building could not be suitably enlarged without a disproportionate increase in the rent, which is £P.160 a year. It is proposed to erect a specially designed building, with drawing offices and arrangements for the proper custody of registers, maps and other important records. The estimated cost, including land, is £P.3,400: the construction would result in a saving of the present rental of £P.160 a year, a figure which will inevitably be increased in the near future if it continues to be necessary to lease premises for the Department. I therefore recommend that the proposal should be approved.

(*ee*) Head XXXII. The Trans-Jordan Government recommend that a sum of £P.50 should be provided for the conservation of certain ancient monuments which will otherwise become unduly dilapidated. I recommend this expenditure, which would constitute a new Head of the Estimates, Antiquities Department Extraordinary.

4. I enclose a schedule which summarizes all the modifications of the approved Estimates which I have recommended in this despatch and in my confidential despatch of the 17th August, 1935‡. The Schedule also includes a few minor adjustments of allowances which it is desirable to make, and one or two small economies which can now be foreseen.

I also enclose a summary which shows the effect of these changes on the estimated surplus at the 31st March, 1936. It will be observed that the surplus at the 31st March,

* 75117/35 [No. 11]: not printed. † 37797/34 [No. 3]: not printed. ‡ No. 36.

1935, is now shown to be £P.34,170; this is the figure arrived at when the accounts for the financial year 1934-35 were finally closed. The increase over the figure £P.32,845 previously given is mainly due to an item of £P.1,004 in respect of the Haifa-Baghdad railway survey. This sum is to be adjusted to expenditure as soon as an audited statement of this account is received from the Crown Agents for the Colonies, and as this statement was not received as expected prior to the closing of the 1934-35 accounts the balance at the 31st March last was increased by this amount, and an equivalent sum is now shown as a revote in the current financial year, under Item 3 of Head XXX in the schedule which forms the third enclosure in this despatch.

I have, &c.,

J. HATHORN HALL,

Acting High Commissioner
for Trans-Jordan.

Enclosure 1 in No. 37.

FINANCIAL ADVISER'S MEMORANDUM ON THE PROPOSED REVISION OF THE ESTIMATES OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE TRANS-JORDAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1935-36, SUPPLEMENTARY TO THE MARGINAL REMARKS IN THE STATEMENT OF CHANGES.

REVENUE.

Head I. Customs and Excise. Net Increase £P.3,300.

The increase in receipts from Customs and Excise during the months prior to the framing of the Estimates for 1935-36 was sustained in the latter months of 1934-35, and total receipts during that year proved to exceed the Estimates by approximately £P.18,000.

The draft Estimates for 1935-36 provided for a revenue under this Head of £P.80,050, an increase of only £P.50 over that of the previous year; yet receipts during the first three and a half months of 1935-36 proved to be as follows:—

	£P.
April	8,415
May	11,388
June	11,897
To 15th July	5,700
	£P.37,400

While a large part of these high receipts is due to the abnormal import of silk owing to the present very profitable and safe opportunities of smuggling of this article into Syria and Saudi Arabia, the position of trade generally continues to be good and harvests in the central and northern (and most productive) areas of Trans-Jordan being satisfactory, it is not considered that the cessation of the major operations of the I.P.C. will materially affect Customs and Excise revenue during the year. For these reasons I consider that an increase of the estimate of revenue under this Head by little more than one-sixth of the difference between the approved estimates for 1934-35 (and the draft Estimates for 1935-36) and the actual receipts during 1934-35 is amply justified.

Head II. Licences and Taxes.

It will be observed that estimated revenue from Item 10, House and Land Tax, Item 18, Road Tax, Item 19, Tithe and Item 20, Consolidated Tax has been increased by £P.23,800, and the estimated revenue from Item 15, Land Tax has been decreased by a corresponding amount. The draft Estimates previously submitted were based upon the assumption that the Land Tax would be imposed throughout the country during the year. It has, however, not been found expedient to do this, and the changes referred to represent the continued assessment of the House and Land Tax, Road Tax, Tithe and Consolidated Tax in those areas in the Ajlun Lewa to which the Land Tax has not been applied.

The estimated revenue from Item 15, Land Tax has been reduced by £P.2,528 making, with the provision for remissions of £P.9,900 in the approved Estimates, a total of £P.12,428 by which revenue will be reduced in the recommendations made for remissions in the joint report of the Assistant British Resident and the Financial Adviser on the present season's crops in Trans-Jordan.

Head XI. Grants from Colonial Development Fund. Item 1. Es Salt—Allenby Bridge Road.

The decrease of £P.3,500 represents the first instalment of the grant which was issued from the Fund and brought to account by the Trans-Jordan Government in March, 1935. The grant receivable during 1935-36 is thus reduced to £P.5,000.

EXPENDITURE.

Head VII. Ministry of Justice.

Item 5 (*a*) provides for the new appointment of one accountant, the present clerical staff of the Department being inadequate to deal with the increase of work due in part to the recent introduction of revised Financial Regulations.

Item 27 provides for the addition of one clerk to strengthen the inadequate clerical staff of the District Court, Amman; the Judicial Adviser and the Minister of Justice are particularly insistent on the need for this appointment and that mentioned above under Item 5 (*a*).

Head VIII. Sharia Courts.

Item 7 provides for the regrading of the post of Qadi at Amman with the promotion of the present holder. This action was approved in principle by the Trans-Jordan Government in 1934, but could not be put to effect owing to financial stringency.

Head IX. Ministry of Finance.

Items 3 and 4 provide for the regrading of the posts of the Assistant Treasurers in charge of Accounts and Revenue respectively and of the Controller of Stores, with the promotion of the present holders. This action was approved in principle by the Trans-Jordan Government in 1934, but could not be put into effect owing to financial stringency.

Head X. Customs and Excise.

Item 3 provides for the regrading of the post of the senior Customs and Excise Officer with the promotion of the present holder. This action was approved in principle by the Trans-Jordan Government in 1934, but could not be put into effect owing to financial stringency.

Head XI. Public Health Department.

Item 11 provides for the regrading of the post of Head Nurse in the Government Dispensary Amman, with the promotion of the present holder. This action was approved in principle by the Trans-Jordan Government in 1934, but could not be put into effect owing to financial stringency. It was also recommended in the British Resident's letter to the High Commissioner, No. 4896/2 of the 14th of March, 1935.

Item 41 provides for the purchase of additional equipment and instruments for the bacteriological laboratory, the work in which is at present much handicapped by inadequate material.

Item 43 is additional to the increased provision already approved and is provided on the recommendation of Dr. MacLennan of the Palestine Government for the inoculation of settlers in Azraq with atebrin and plasmoquine so that they might not serve as a source of infection to visitors.

Head XII. Education Department.

Items 2, 5, 21 and 29 provide for the regrading of the posts of Inspector, Accountant, one Head Mistress, and Carpentry Instructor in the Arts and Crafts School with promotion of the present holders. This action was approved in principle by the Trans-Jordan Government in 1934 in respect of the first three and this year in respect of the last, but could not hitherto be put into effect owing to financial stringency.

Item 2 (*a*) provides for an additional appointment of Inspector to meet the acute need for more frequent inspection and closer control of Government Schools.

Item 42 provides for the addition of £P.170 to the increased provision already approved by the Secretary of State, to make up the sum of £P.270 required for the purchase of machinery. It provides also for the purchase of accessories for the new lathe which has recently been ordered in accordance with the approved programme for the provision of equipment.

Head XIII. Agriculture, Forests and Veterinary.

Items 11 (*a*), 14 (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) and 35 as also Items 2 and 3 of Head XXV, provide for the establishment of an Agricultural Demonstration Station at Teneib, centred round the new bore, the pumping machinery for which has already been ordered from funds made available from the Colonial Development Fund. Item 33 includes provision for casual labour, fuel, maintenance of pump, food for stock and contingencies.

Head XV. Public Works Department.

Items 2 and 8 provide for the appointment of one engineer and one clerk in addition to the present establishment. The progressive increase in the activities of the Department is such that efficiency cannot be maintained if the staff is not strengthened.

Head XV—A. Public Works Recurrent.

Item 4 as also Item 8 of Head XXIII, provide for the lease of temporary premises necessitated by the evacuation of the Government offices at Es Salt following a destructive fire, and for the reconditioning of the building respectively. Item 4 also provides for the rent of premises for Infant Welfare activities necessitated by the moving of the British Resident's establishment to new offices.

Head XVI. Posts and Telegraphs Department.

Item 2 provides for the regrading of the post of Inspector with the promotion of the present holder. This action was approved in principle by the Trans-Jordan Government in 1934, but could not be put into effect owing to financial stringency.

Item 33 provides part of the cost of essential temporary improvements of the existing telephone exchange to render it serviceable during the period that must necessarily elapse before a new exchange, which is being provided by means of a loan from the Colonial Development Fund, can be installed. The remainder of the cost of these improvements has been found from savings.

Head XVIII—A. Police.

Item 22 (*a*) provides for the new appointment of two supervisors in the W/T establishment, to take effect on the arrival and installation of two additional W/T Sets which are on order. The number of W/T Stations will then be 10 in respect of which 14 operators will be employed, most of them in distant posts; and it is necessary to ensure their adequate supervision, the means for which do not at present exist.

Item 46 provides for additional Desert Allowance to complete the amount payable to operators in 7 of the W/T Stations which are classified as Desert Stations.

Item 55, Passport Control Officer. Allenby Bridge, the frontier post on the main route between Palestine and Trans-Jordan, was recently prescribed by Palestine as a route of entry into that territory and in consequence the Palestine Government are posting a Passport Control Officer there. It was a condition, leading to this arrangement, that Trans-Jordan should also appoint an officer at that place. It is estimated that the salary of this officer will be covered by fees levied under the Passport Law, which travellers by this route have hitherto escaped paying.

Head XXIII. Public Works—Extraordinary.

Item 8 has been commented on in reference to Head XV—A, Item 4.

Item 13 (*a*) is a new provision necessitated by the damage by floods of a storm water conduit at Ajlun, in consequence of which there is great danger of contamination of the town drinking supply during next winter. The Municipality, whose revenues are about £P.300 a year cannot afford the necessary expenditure and the work, which adjoins the Governorate and the Prison, is essential in the interests of Public Health.

Head XXV. Department of Agriculture—Extraordinary.

Items 2 and 3 have been commented on in reference to Head XIII, Items 11 (*a*), 14 (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) and 35.

Item 4 provides for the further expansion of the previous successful plantation of date palms in the Azraq marsh area, and represents a measure of very necessary assistance to indigent Bedu and others in the vicinity as well as a nucleus for instruction and demonstration in the cultivation of this valuable tree.

Head XXVII. Ministry of Finance Extraordinary.

Item 3 provides for the repayment to the Government of Palestine of the whole capital sum of the seed loan of £P.8,075 advanced to the Government of Trans-Jordan in 1934 and issued to the Beni Hassan tribe and to the villagers of Remtha, Naimeh and Sarih. The inclusion of this item is consequent upon the joint recommendations of the Assistant British Resident and the Financial Adviser, in connexion with their survey of the state of this season's crops in Trans-Jordan that these people should be relieved from their obligations in regard to the repayment of this loan.

Head XXXI. Lands Department—Extraordinary.

This item provides for the construction of new offices for the Department in Amman.

Head XXXII. Department of Antiquities—Extraordinary.

This item provides a small sum which is urgently necessary for the timely conservation of certain ancient monuments which will otherwise become unduly dilapidated.

R. S. CHAMPION,
Financial Adviser.

Enclosure 3 in No. 37.

Statement of Changes in the Estimates of Revenue, 1935–36.

Head and Sub-Head of Revenue.	*Draft Estimates.*	*Changes Approved by the Secretary of State.*			*Further Proposed Changes.*		*Revised Estimates.*	*Remarks.*
		Increase.	*Decrease.*	*Approved Estimates.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*		
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
Head I. Customs and Excise :								
3. Import Duty Collected Locally ..	47,400	—	—	47,400	3,300	—	50,700	3. This increase is justified by the actual receipts in the first quarter of the current financial year.
Head II. Licences and Taxes :								
10. House and Land Tax	4,400	—	—	4,400	4,900	—	9,300	10.
18. Road Tax	100	—	—	100	2,200	—	2,300	18. Effects of the partial introduction only of the new Land Tax in the Liwa of Ajlun.
19. Tithe	1,000	—	—	1,000	13,200	—	14,200	19.
20. Consolidated Tax	500	—	—	500	3,500	—	4,000	20.
15. Land Tax	72,000	—	—	—	—	23,800	—	15.
15. Land Tax	—	—	3,900	68,100	—	2,528	41,772	15. Proposed remissions of taxation on account of failure of crops.
11. Stamp Duty	6,000	400	—	6,400	—	—	6,400	
14. Income Tax	5,500	—	300	5,200	—	—	5,200	
Head VII. Miscellaneous Revenue :								
2. Share of Profits of the Palestine Currency.	6,100	3,900	—	10,000	—	—	10,000	
—. Payment in respect of the MacDonnell Arbitration.	—	1,726	—	1,726	—	1,726	—	*Vide* para. 2 (*d*) of High Commissioner's Despatch Confidential of 17.8.1935* to Secretary of State.
Head XI. Grants from Colonial Development Fund :								
1. Es Salt-Allenby Bridge Road ..	8,500	—	—	8,500	—	3,500	5,000	1. The sum of £P.3,500 was received and brought to account in March, 1935.
Total	£P.151,500	£P.6,026	£P.4,200	£P153,326.	£P.27,100	£P.31,554	£P.148,872	

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Statement of Changes in the Estimates of Expenditure, 1935/36.

Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.	*Draft Estimates.*	*Changes Approved by the Secretary of State.*			*Further Proposed Changes.*		*Revised Estimates.*	*Remarks.*
		Increase.	*Decrease.*	*Approved Estimates.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*		
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
Head I. Civil List :								
1. (*a*) His Highness's Personal Allotment	12,000	680	500	13,500	—	—	13,500	1. (*a*) *Vide* para. 3 (*a*) of High Commissioner's despatch Confidential of 17.8.35 to Secretary of State.*
(*b*) His Highness the Amir Talal ..	1,320							1. (*b*)
Head II. Public Debt and Loan Charges :								
2. Interest on Loans from the Palestine Government.	1,440	—	320	1,120	280	—	1,400	2. *See* High Commissioner's despatch Confidential of 17.8.1935, para. 3 (*b*)*
Head III. Legislature :								
6. (*a*) Compensatory Allowance	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	
Head IV. Pensions and Gratuities :								
2. Gratuities	2,200	700	—	2,900	—	—	2,900	
Head VI. District Administration :								
7. Compensatory Allowance	31	—	—	31	—	4	27	
Head VII. Ministry of Justice :								
5. (*a*) Accountant .. £P.13-½-16	—	—	—	—	78	—	78	5. (*a*) New Post for 6 months from 1.10.1935.
27. 3 Clerks .. .. .. £P. 9-½-12	426	—	—	426	—	426	—	27. *See* Item 27 (*a*).
27. (*a*) 4 Clerks .. .. £P. 9-½-12	—	—	—	—	480	—	480	27. (*a*) From item 27 including new post for 6 months from 1.10.1935.
14. Compensatory Allowance	8	—	—	8	—	5	3	
19. Compensatory Allowance	37	—	—	37	—	19	18	
36. Compensatory Allowance	16	—	—	16	—	3	13	
Head VIII. Sharia Courts :								
7. 5 Kadis £P.17-½-20	1,180	—	—	1,180	—	1,180	—	7. *See* items 7 (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*).
7. (*a*) 4 Kadis £P.17-½-20	—	—	—	—	950	—	950	7. (*a*) From item 7.
7. (*b*) 1 Kadi £P.17-½-20	—	—	—	—	114	—	114	7. (*b*) From item 7. Six months provision to 30.9.1935.
7. (*c*) 1 Kadi £P.21-1-25	—	—	—	—	126	—	126	7. (*c*) From item 7 with promotion as from 1.10.1935.
12. Compensatory Allowance	44	—	—	44	3	—	47	
Total carried forward	18,702	1,380	820	19,262	2,035	1,637	19,660	

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Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.	*Draft Estimates.*	*Changes Approved by the Secretary of State.*			*Further Proposed Changes.*		*Revised Estimates.*	*Remarks.*
		Increase.	*Decrease.*	*Approved Estimates.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*		
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
Brought forward	18,702	1,380	820	19,262	2,035	1,637	19,660	
Head IX. Ministry of Finance :								
2. Financial Adviser £P.800–25–1,000 plus 100	990	—	—	990	93	—	1,083	2. Adjustment of Emoluments owing to change of holder of post.
3. 2 Assistant Treasurers £P.26–1–31	741	—	—	741	—	741	—	3. *See* items 3 (*a*) and (*b*).
3. (*a*) 2 Assistant Treasurers £P.26–1–31	—	—	—	—	372	—	372	3. (*a*) From item 3. Six months' provision to 30.9.1935.
3. (*b*) 2 Assistant Treasurers £P.32–1–37	—	—	—	—	384	—	384	3. (*b*) From item 3 with promotion from 1.10.1935.
4. Controller of Stores £P.21–1–25	300	—	—	300	—	300	—	4. *See* items 4 (*a*) and (*b*).
4. (*a*) Controller of Stores £P.21–1–25	—	—	—	—	150	—	150	4. (*a*) From item 4. Six months' provision to 30.9.1935.
4. (*b*) Controller of Stores £P.26–1–31	—	—	—	—	156	—	156	4. (*b*) From item 4 with promotion as from 1.10.1935.
17. Compensatory Allowance	36	—	—	36	—	1	35	
24. Allowance to Registrar of Trade Marks.	50	—	50	—	—	—	—	
Head X. Customs and Excise :								
3. Customs and Excise Officer £P.17–½–20	240	—	—	240	—	240	—	3. *See* items 3 (*a*) and (*b*).
3. (*a*) Customs and Excise Officer £P.17–½–20	—	—	—	—	120	—	120	3. (*a*) From item 3. Six months' provision to 30.9.1935.
3. (*b*) Customs and Excise Officer £P.21–1–25	—	—	—	—	126	—	126	3. (*b*) From item 3 with promotion as from 1.10.1935.
10. Compensatory Allowance ..	37	—	—	37	—	24	13	
Head XI. Public Health Department :								
11. 2 Nurses .. .. £P. 6–½–8	171	—	—	171	—	171	—	11. *See* items 11 (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*).
11. (*a*) 1 Nurse .. .. £P. 6–½–8	—	—	—	—	75	—	75	11. (*a*) From item 11.
11. (*b*) 1 Nurse .. .. £P. 6–½–8	—	—	—	—	48	—	48	11. (*b*) From item 11. Six months' provision to 30.9.1935.

11. (*c*) 1 Nurse .. .. £P. 9–½–12	—	—	—	—	54	—	54	11. (*c*) From item 11 with promotion as from 1.10.1935.
27. Clerk to M.O., Amman £P. 6–½–8	96	—	96	—	—	—	—	27. *See* item 27 (*a*).
27. (*a*) 5 Clerks to M.Os. £P. 6–½–8	—	384	—	384	—	144	240	27. (*a*) From item 27 including 4 new posts for 6 months from 1.10.1935.
33. Compensatory Allowance	26	—	—	26	49	—	75	
40. Treatment of Government Patients in Private Hospitals.	200	400	—	600	—	—	600	
41. Medical Stores and Equipment ..	1,000	—	—	1,000	115	—	1,115	41. To provide for the purchase of Bacteriological laboratory equipment.
43. Anti-Malarial Measures	100	100	—	200	50	—	250	43. Additional £P.50 required to provide for anti-malarial measures in the Azraq Marsh.
47. Dieting Staff and Patients	450	150	—	600	—	—	600	
Head XII. Education Department :								
2. Inspector £P.26–1–31	372	—	—	372	—	372	—	2. *See* items 2 (*a*) and (*b*).
2. (*a*) Inspector £P.26–1–31	—	—	—	—	342	—	342	2. (*a*) Six months' provision to 30.9.1935 from item 2 plus six months' provision for a new Inspector from 1.10.1935.
2. (*b*) Inspector £P.32–1–37	—	—	—	—	192	—	192	2. (*b*) From item 2 with promotion as from 1.10.1935.
5. Accountant .. £P. 9–½–12	144	—	—	144	—	144	—	5. *See* items 5 (*a*) and (*b*).
5. (*a*) Accountant .. £P. 9–½–12	—	—	—	—	72	—	72	5. (*a*) From item 5. Six months' provision to 30.9.1935.
5. (*b*) Accountant .. £P.13–½–16	—	—	—	—	78	—	78	5. (*b*) From item 5 with promotion as from 1.10.1935.
8. Compensatory Allowance	27	—	—	27	—	3	24	
19. Compensatory Allowance	89	—	—	89	5	—	94	
21. 3 Headmistresses .. £P.13–½–16	576	—	—	576	—	576	—	21. *See* items 21 (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*).
21. (*a*) 2 Headmistresses .. £P.13–½–16	—	—	—	—	384	—	384	21. (*a*) From item 21.
21. (*b*) 1 Headmistress .. £P.13–½–16	—	—	—	—	96	—	96	21. (*b*) From item 21. Six months' provision to 30.9.1935.
21. (*c*) 1 Headmistress .. £P.17–½–20	—	—	—	—	102	—	102	21. (*c*) From item 21 with promotion as from 1.10.1935.
25. Compensatory Allowance	—	—	—	—	10	—	10	
29. Master Carpenter .. £P. 9–½–12	144	—	—	144	—	144	—	29. *See* items 29 (*a*) and (*b*).
29. (*a*) Master Carpenter .. £P. 9–½–12	—	—	—	—	72	—	72	29. (*a*) From item 29. Six months' provision to 30.9.1935.

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Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.	*Draft Estimates.*	*Changes Approved by the Secretary of State.*			*Further Proposed Changes.*		*Revised Estimates.*	*Remarks.*
		Increase.	*Decrease.*	*Approved Estimates.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*		
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
Head XII. Education Department—contd.								
29. (*b*) Master Carpenter .. £P.13-½-16	—	—	—	—	78	—	78	29. (*b*) From item 29 with promotion as from 1.10.1935.
36. Transport and Travelling	320	—	—	320	50	—	370	36. To meet travelling expenses of the new Inspector (item 2 (*b*)).
42. Stores and Equipment, School of Arts and Crafts.	600	278	—	878	220	—	1,098	42. Of the sum of £P.220, £P.170 was applied for in A/British Resident's letter No. 4896 of the 18.7.1935, while £P.50 is to provide for purchase of accessories for the new lathe recently received.
44. Training School Fees	588	—	18	570	—	—	570	
45. Cost of Training 9 Pupils in the Kadoorie Agricultural School.	726	—	61	665	—	—	665	
Head XIII. Agriculture, Forests, etc.:								
11. (*a*) Overseer £P.13-½-16	—	—	—	—	65	—	65	11. (*a*) New post from 1.11.35 } Teneib Ag. station.
14. (*a*) Pumpman @ £P.5 per mensem	—	—	—	—	25	—	25	14. (*a*) New post from 1.11.35 }
14. (*b*) Poultryman @ £P.5 per mensem	—	—	—	—	25	—	25	14. (*b*) New post from 1.11.35 }
14. (*c*) Sheep herder @ £P.3 per mensem	—	—	—	—	3	—	3	14. (*c*) New post from 1.3.35 }
26. Pruning and Afforestation ..	125	—	—	125	475	—	600	26. To provide for a re-afforestation of newly demarcated state forests.
35. Maintenance of Teneib Farm ..	—	—	—	—	112	—	112	35. Five months provision (*see* items 11 (*a*) and 14 (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*)).
Head XIII—A. Registrar of Co-operative Societies:								
1. Registrar £P.48-2-58	—	—	—	—	348	—	348	1. New post for 6 months from 1.10.1935.
Head XV. Public Works Department:								
2. 3 Technical Assistants £P.26-1-31	1,116	—	—	1,116	—	1,116	—	2. *See* item 2 (*a*).
2. (*a*) 4 Technical Assistants £P.26-1-31	—	—	—	—	1,272	—	1,272	2. (*a*) From item 2 including new post for 6 months from 1.10.1935.
8. 3 Clerks .. .. £P. 9-½-12	410	—	—	410	—	410	—	8. *See* item 8 (*a*).
8. (*a*) 4 Clerks .. .. £P. 9-½-12	—	—	—	—	464	—	464	8. (*a*) From item 8 including new post for 6 months from 1.10.1935.

Head XV—A. Public Works Recurrent:								
4. Rents	5,600	—	—	5,600	169	—	5,769	4. Mainly to meet commitments occasioned by the damage by fire caused to the Governorate at Es Salt.
5. Furniture for Government Offices ..	250	150	25	375	—	—	375	
6. Furniture for Government Schools ..	550	—	25	525	—	—	525	
7. Maintenance of Roads	9,100	3,262	—	12,362	—	—	12,362	
Head XVI. Posts and Telegraph Department:								
2. Inspector £P.17-½-20	232	—	—	232	—	232	—	2. *See* items 2 (*a*) and (*b*).
2. (*a*) Inspector £P.17-½-20	—	—	—	—	115	—	115	2. (*a*) From item 2. Six months' provision to 30.9.1935.
2. (*b*) Inspector £P.21-1-25	—	—	—	—	126	—	126	2. (*b*) From item 2 with promotion as from 1.10.1935.
21. 4 Headlinesmen .. £P. 6-½-8	342	—	—	342	—	342	—	21. } Temporary saving resulting from the delay in the installation of a new telephone exchange.
21. (*a*) 2 Headlinesmen .. £P. 6-½-8	—	—	—	—	192	—	192	21. (*a*) }
27. Compensatory Allowances	43	—	—	43	—	2	41	
33. Stores and Equipment	2,000	—	—	2,000	250	—	2,250	33. To provide for temporary improvements to the present telephone exchange.
Head XVII. Lands Department:								
25. Compensatory Allowance	30	—	—	30	—	7	23	
Head XVIII—A. Police:								
3. Second in Command £P.800-25-1,000 plus 100	800	—	—	800	150	—	950	3. Adjustment of Emoluments owing to regrading of holder.
4. Expatriation Allowance	150	—	—	150	—	50	100	4. Adjustment of Emoluments.
13. Chief Accountant	312	—	—	312	60	—	372	13. Adjustment of Emoluments.
22. (*a*) 2 W/T Supervisors @ £P.10 per mensem.	—	—	—	—	180	—	180	22. (*a*) New posts to provide for the regrading of 2 operators from 1.7.1935.
29. 4 Mulazim Thani .. £P.13-½-16	654	—	—	654	114	—	768	29. £P.78 added to correct the omission to provide for a full year in respect of one new post approved from 1.10.1934 and £P.36 to bring the emoluments of the said post to the salary of the officer appointed thereto.
46. Desert Allowance	204	—	—	204	48	—	252	46. To complete allowances to operators in the Desert posts.
55. 2 Clerks £P.9-½-12	228	—	—	228	—	228	—	55. *See* item 55 (*a*).

Statement of Changes in the Estimates of Expenditure, 1935/36—*continued*.

Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.	*Draft Estimates.*	*Changes Approved by the Secretary of State.*		*Approved Estimates.*	*Further Proposed Changes.*		*Revised Estimates.*	*Remarks.*
		Increase.	*Decrease.*		*Increase.*	*Decrease.*		
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
Head XVIII—A. Police—contd.								
55. (*a*) 3 Clerks £P.9–½–12	—	—	—	—	282	—	282	55. (*a*) From item 55 including new post of Passport Control Officer at the Allenby Bridge for 6 months from 1.10.1935.
70. Pension Contribution to Palestine Government.	335	50	—	385	—	—	385	
73. Cost of Living Allowance	141	—	—	141	—	75	66	73. Adjustment of Emoluments.
Head XIX. Miscellaneous :								
7. Pension Contribution to Palestine Government.	600	845	—	1,445	—	—	1,445	
9. Sundries	510	—	—	510	142	—	652	9. Trans-Jordan's share of litigation in the United Kingdom regarding Palestine Potash Ltd.
Head XX. Audit Department :								
8. Compensatory Allowance	4	—	—	4	—	4	—	
14. Share of Expenses of the Colonial Audit Department.	59	—	—	59	11	—	70	14. To provide for the full share estimated to be payable by Trans-Jordan *vide* Colonial Office Circular dated 9.3.1935.
Head XXIII. Public Works Extraordinary :								
8. (*a*) Repairs to the Governorate at Es Salt.	—	1,400	—	1,400	—	—	1,400	
Improvement of Water Supplies								
12. Sinking Artesian Bores in the Desert	—	1,200	—	1,200	—	—	1,200	
13. Well Sinking by hand	—	312	—	312	—	—	312	
13. (*a*) Reconditioning of the Ain Jenne storm water channel in Jebel Ajlun.	—	—	—	—	200	—	200	
Revotes								
14. Construction of Stables at Katrani ..	—	147	—	147	—	1	146	14. Reduction to true amount unexpended.
15. Jisr Mejamie Customs Water Supply	—	93	—	93	—	—	93	
16. Construction of Barracks at Irbid ..	—	104	—	104	—	—	104	
17. Kerak–Tafileh Road	—	900	—	900	—	34	866	17. Reduction to true amount unexpended.
18. Weir at Bagoora	—	50	—	50	—	—	50	
18. (*a*) Furniture for Offices of H.H. the Amir.	—	25	—	25	—	25	—	
Head XXIV. Arab Legion Extraordinary :								
3. Expropriation of Land	150	—	—	150	57	—	207	3. The additional sum of £P.57 is for appropriation of land in Irbid property of the Wakf, on which the Arab Legion Headquarters in that town are erected.
Head XXV. Department of Agriculture, Extraordinary :								
1. Expropriation of Land	300	300	—	600	—	—	600	
2. Teneib Farm—Building and Fencing	—	—	—	—	1,000	—	1,000	
3. Teneib Farm—Stock and Equipment	—	—	—	—	400	—	400	
4. Planting Date Palms at Azraq ..	—	—	—	—	474	—	474	
Head XXVII. Ministry of Finance Extraordinary :								
2. Printing of Laws	—	250	—	250	—	—	250	
3. Remission of Seed Loans	—	—	—	—	8,075	—	8,075	
Head XXVIII. Posts, Telegraph and Telephones Extraordinary :								
2. Construction of Sukhneh–Zerka Telephone line.	—	200	—	200	—	—	200	2. *Vide* Secretary of State's despatch Confidential of 9.8.1935.*
Head XXX. Expenditure from Colonial Development Fund : Grants :								
3. Haifa–Baghdad Railway Survey ..	—	—	—	—	1,004	—	1,004	3. Revote of the provision approved under item 2 of Head XXXI of the 1934–35 Estimates.
Head XXXI. Lands Department Extraordinary :								
Construction of Offices	—	—	—	—	3,400	—	3,400	
Head XXXII. Antiquities Dept. Extraordinary :								
1. Conservation of Monuments	—	—	—	—	50	—	50	
Total	£P.50,970	£P.11,980	£P.1,095	£P.61,855	£P.24,816	£P.7,023	£P.79,648	

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Enclosure 4 in No. 37.

SUMMARY.

Showing the effect on the estimated surplus at the 31st March, 1936, of certain changes to be made in the 1935-36 Estimates.

	£P.	£P.	£P.
Surplus at the 31st March, 1935			34,170
Estimated Local Revenue as in the Draft Estimates	271,050		
Net effect of changes approved by the Secretary of State *vide* para. 8 of his despatch Confidential of the 28th June, 1935* (increase)	1,826		
		272,876	
Net effect of the further changes now proposed (decrease)		4,454	
		268,422	
Grants as in the Draft Estimates		102,721	
			371,143
			405,313
Expenditure as in the Draft Estimates	330,890		
Net effect of changes approved by the Secretary of State *vide* para. 8 of his despatch Confidential of the 28th June, 1935*	8,456		
		339,346	
Revotes approved *vide* Secretary of State's despatch Confidential 2 of 9.8.1935†	5,634		
Deduct items included in approval conveyed by para. 8 of Secretary of State's despatch Confidential of the 28th June, 1935* ..	3,405		
		2,229	
Provision approved for the Zerka-Sukhneh Telephone Line *vide* Secretary of State's despatch Confidential of 9.8.1935† ..		200	
Net effect of changes now proposed		17,793	
Frontier Force Expenditure and Expenditure out of Colonial Development Fund Grants—as in the Draft Estimates ..		42,871	
			402,439
Estimated Surplus at the 31st March, 1936			£P.2,874

* No. 35. † 77103/35 [No. 26]: not printed.

77103/35 [No. 32]. No. 38.

COLONIAL OFFICE

to

TREASURY.

[*Answered by No. 40.*]

Downing Street, S.W.1, 9th November, 1935.

SIR,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary MacDonald to refer to your letter No. S.35961/01/35 of the 14th June* regarding the Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Administration for the year 1935-36, and to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, a copy of a despatch† which was addressed to the High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan on this subject, together with a copy of a despatch‡ from the Acting High Commissioner containing his observations on the various points raised therein.

2. It will be observed from paragraph 2 (*d*) of the Acting High Commissioner's despatch that the recovery of £1,726 in respect of the Saudi Government's share of the expenses of the MacDonnell Commission will not affect the revenue estimates and that this sum must therefore be deducted therefrom.

3. It will also be noted from paragraph 3 (*b*) of the despatch that the provision under Item 2 of Head II of expenditure must be increased by £280 to £1,400.

4. The Secretary of State is impressed by the arguments adduced in paragraph 3 (*d*) of Mr. Hall's despatch in support of the expenditure of £288 provided under Head XI—Public Health—for the creation of four new posts for clerks to the District Medical Officers, and he trusts that, in view of the Acting High Commissioner's further representations on this point, their Lordships will now feel able to sanction the creation of these posts.

5. Mr. MacDonald also supports the proposal made in paragraph 3 (*l*) that the provision under Head XII, Item 42, should be increased from £700 to £870 for the purchase of a veneering press for the School of Arts and Crafts. I am accordingly to request that their Lordships may be moved to sanction this additional expenditure.

6. The Trans-Jordan Government have had under consideration the disposal of the surplus balance available at the 31st of March, 1935. Certain proposals were made in this connexion in the High Commissioner's despatch No. 82 of the 14th of June§ and his confidential despatch of the 15th June¶ (copies of which were enclosed in this Department's letters of the 24th July‖ numbered as above), and were approved in Treasury letter No. S.35961/01/35 of the 8th August**. Further proposals as to the use to which the surplus balance should be put were adumbrated in paragraph 7 of the accompanying despatch from the Acting High Commissioner and these have since been received. A number of the proposals put forward by the Trans-Jordan Government are for expenditure of a recurrent nature, e.g., for the creation of new posts and the upward grading of existing posts, but, with the exception of certain items referred to in paragraph 10 below, Mr. MacDonald has decided not to submit these recommendations for recurrent expenditure to their Lordships during the present financial year. It appears more appropriate that these proposals should be considered in the Estimates for the coming financial year and the Acting High Commissioner has been requested to inform the Trans-Jordan Government accordingly.

7. Certain modifications of the revenue estimates as already approved have been recommended in addition to the reduction of £1,726 referred to in paragraph 2 above. These are as follow:—

(*a*) *Head I. Item 3.*

The estimate of Customs duty collected locally to be increased by £3,300 to £50,700. For the past few months the Customs receipts have considerably exceeded expectations, and although the increase is due to exceptional factors, there is not yet any sign of a decline. The total receipts under Head I for the period 1st April to 31st August were more than one-half of the original estimate, and it is therefore considered that the estimate for the current year may safely be increased as proposed. Increase £3,300.

* No. 33. † No. 35. ‡ No. 36. § 77103/35 [No. 21]: not printed.
¶ 77103/35 [No. 22]: not printed. ‖ 77103/35 [Nos. 23 and 24]: not printed.
** 77103/35 [No. 25]: not printed.

(*b*) *Head II. Item 15.*

As stated in the High Commissioner's confidential despatch of the 15th June*, it has been found necessary to make a detailed inspection of the crops in certain areas which were damaged by a spell of exceptional heat, and a copy of a joint report† by the Assistant British Resident and the Financial Adviser is enclosed from which it will be seen that remissions of taxation amounting to £13,809 are recommended in respect of the harvest of 1935. Since, however, allowance is always made in framing the estimates of revenue for the expectation that a proportion of the amount due will not be collected in the year of assessment, the reduction to be made in the estimated receipts in the current financial year on account of these proposed remissions is 90 per cent of £13,809, that is to say, £12,428. In the original draft Estimates submitted to their Lordships, allowance was made for remissions totalling £6,000, and in the Estimates, as finally approved, a further reduction was made of £3,900, making a total allowance in respect of prospective remissions of £9,900. The recommendations regarding remissions of taxation are based on careful personal inspection, and the Secretary of State is satisfied that a further reduction of £2,528 should be made in the provision under Item 15 of Head II. Reduction £2,528.

(*c*) *Head II. Items 10, 15, 18, 19 and 20.*

As the land tax has not yet been applied throughout the Ajlun district, the different taxes which it is destined to replace will be collected instead from the villages to which the land tax has not been applied. Item 15 must consequently be reduced further by £23,800 and Items 10, 18, 19 and 20 increased by varying sums which together will make the same amount. Total provision unaltered.

8. A statement showing the effect of the above proposals and of that referred to in paragraph 2 on the revenue estimates for the current financial year is enclosed herewith (Enclosure IV).

9. It will be observed from this statement that there will be a net reduction of revenue of £954, thus reducing the revenue (exclusive of revenue relating to the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force and Colonial Development Fund schemes) approved in your letter under reference from £272,876 to £271,922.

10. The additional items of recurrent expenditure now proposed by the Trans-Jordan Government which, in Mr. MacDonald's view, should be accepted immediately, are as follow:—

(*a*) *Head IX. Item 2.*

In consequence of the secondment of Mr. R. S. Champion to be Financial Adviser to the Trans-Jordan Government in place of Mr. A. L. Kirkbride it is necessary to increase the provision under this item by £93 to £1,083 (see Treasury letter No. E.11699 of 31st December, 1934‡). Increase £93.

(*b*) *Head XIII.*

Recurrent expenditure on proposed Agricultural Commercial Station at Teneib. (See paragraph 12 (*j*) below). If provision for this expenditure is made as from the 1st December, 1935, the amount required in the current financial year will be £160. Increase £160.

(*c*) *Head XVIII A. Items 3 and 4.*

In view of the regrading of Major Glubb's appointment, which was sanctioned in Treasury letter No. E.11699 of 28th November, 1934§, it is necessary to increase Item 3 by £150 and to decrease Item 4 by £50. Net increase £100.

(*d*) *Head XVIII A. Item 13.*

The computation on which the provision of £312 was based was erroneous and the correct amount should be £372. Increase £60.

(*e*) *Head XVIII A. Items 29 and 46.*

Adjustments are necessary to provide the amounts properly payable as salaries and desert allowances. Item 29 should be increased by £114 to £768 and Item 46 by £48 to £252. Increase £162.

* 77103/35 [No. 22]: not printed. † Not printed. ‡ P.F. 19148 C.R. [No. 173]: not printed.
§ P.F. 28108 C.R. [No. 109]: not printed.

(*f*) *Head XVIII A. Item 55.*

In pursuance of an agreement between the Palestine and Trans-Jordan Governments, each Administration will post a Passport Control Officer at the Allenby Bridge over the River Jordan. The Trans-Jordan Government therefore propose to appoint an additional clerk in the grade £9–½–12. They anticipate that the salary of the officer will be covered by additional passport fees which will be collected. These additional fees have been taken into account in estimating the receipts under Item 6 of Head III of the revenue estimate. If the new appointment dates from the 1st of December, 1935, the additional expenditure in this respect during the current financial year will be £36. Increase £36.

11. The effect of the proposals enumerated in the preceding paragraph will be an increase of expenditure during the current financial year of £611. After deducting the sum of £150 referred to in paragraph 12 (*f*) below, the net increase for the current year would be £461.

12. The main proposals now submitted by the Trans-Jordan Government are for non-recurrent expenditure which it is considered can properly be met from the surplus balance which was available at the 31st March, 1935. The following are the additional items of non-recurrent expenditure recommended:—

(*a*) *Head XI. Item 41.*

It is desired to increase this item from £1,000 to £1,115 to provide for the purchase of additional equipment the lack of which is handicapping the work of the bacteriological laboratory. Increase £115.

(*b*) *Head XI. Item 43.*

One of the recommendations of the Senior Medical Officer (Endemic Diseases), Palestine, who recently visited Trans-Jordan, was that the settlers at Azrak should be inoculated with atebrine and plasmoquine in order that they might not become a source of infection to others. It is therefore proposed to increase this item by £50 for this purpose. Increase £50.

(*c*) *Head XII. Item 42.* (*See also* paragraph 5 above.)

The Trans-Jordan Government propose to make further provision of £50 for the purchase of accessories for a new lathe which has been ordered. This will bring the total under this item from £700 to £920. Increase £50.

(*d*) *Head XIII. Item 26.*

In the process of land settlement considerable areas of forest land have been registered as Government land, and it is now desired to replant the bare patches which exist within these areas. Afforestation will be commenced on some of the bare hills in the Ma'an and Kerak districts. It is accordingly proposed to increase this item from £125 to £600. Increase £475.

(*e*) *Head XV A. Item 4.*

During the extensive repairs to the Government offices at Es Salt which have had to be undertaken as a result of the fire which occurred there early this year, it has been necessary to lease temporary premises and a further provision under this item of £169 is required for this purpose. This sum will also cover the lease of premises for the Infant Welfare Centre which, owing to the removal of the British Resident's offices in which it has hitherto been accommodated, has had to seek new quarters. Increase £169.

(*f*) *Head XVI. Items 21 and 33.*

Owing to difficulties regarding suitable accommodation, it has not yet been practicable to commence the establishment of the new telephone exchange at Amman for which a grant from the Colonial Development Fund was authorized in Treasury letter No. S.34609/0332 of 21st February, 1935*. Meanwhile, it is

* 77093/3/35 [No. 3]: not printed.

essential to carry out certain improvements to the existing exchange and it is proposed to increase item 33 by £250. On the other hand, it has not been necessary to engage two of the head linemen for whom provision was made under item 21. This item can therefore be reduced by £150. Net increase £100.

(*g*) *Head XIX. Item 9.*

It is necessary to increase this item by £142 to provide for Trans-Jordan's share of the cost of litigation in the United Kingdom regarding Messrs. Palestine Potash Limited. (See correspondence ending with Colonial Office letter of 4th June*). Increase £142.

(*h*) *Head XXIII. Item 13 (a).*

It has become necessary to repair the storm water channel at Ajlun, the present condition of which is a potential source of contamination of the town water supply. Although this work normally falls within the municipal area, the revenue of the municipality is so small that they are unable either to provide the necessary funds or to undertake to repay the cost of it if it should be advanced by the Government. It is therefore proposed to provide £200 for this purpose under Head XXIII. Increase £200.

(*i*) *Head XXIV. Item 23.*

It has been found that an additional sum of £57 is necessary in order to expropriate the land on which the Arab Legion Headquarters in Irbid are erected. Increase £57.

(*j*) *Head XXV. Items 2 and 3.*

Water in sufficient quantity and of satisfactory quality has now been found in the bore-hole at Meshetta (Teneib) and it is hoped shortly to initiate the second stage of the scheme approved by Treasury letter No. S.34609/0274 of the 12th October, 1933†. During his recent visit to Trans-Jordan, the Agricultural Adviser to the Colonial Office advised that a trial of stock fattening and poultry raising at this spot would be justified, and it is accordingly desired to establish at Teneib, in the vicinity of the Meshetta bore-hole, an Agricultural Commercial Station for the purpose of showing by practical methods the manner in which a good water supply can be turned to account by farmers and small-holders. The estimate of the initial cost, over and above that which will be met from the Colonial Development Fund, is £1,400, and the recurrent expenditure for twelve months is £480. It is proposed to provide for recurrent expenditure for a period of four months during the current financial year (see paragraph 10 (*b*) above). It is also estimated that the scheme will produce revenue of approximately £400 a year. Details of this scheme are set out in the statement at Enclosure V‡. Increase £1,400.

(*k*) *Head XXV. Item 4.*

It is desired to expand the previous successful plantation of date palms in the Azrak marsh area. This measure is expected greatly to assist the indigent bedouin and others in the vicinity and should form a nucleus for instruction and demonstration in the cultivation of date palms. It is accordingly proposed to provide an additional £474 for this purpose. Increase £474.

(*l*) *Head XXXI.*

The importance of the Lands Department in connexion with the progress of planned development in Trans-Jordan is becoming increasingly apparent, and it is now desired to make provision for the construction at Amman of new offices for the Department. The present premises, which are leased, are overcrowded and are, moreover, unsuitable for the safe custody of the very valuable maps and records of the Department which are rapidly increasing in number. No other suitable premises are available and the present buildings could not be suitably enlarged without a disproportionate increase in the rent, which is £160 a year. It is therefore proposed to erect a specially designed building with drawing offices and arrangements for the proper custody of registers, maps and other important records. The estimated cost, including land, is £3,400. The construction of these new premises would result in a saving of the present rental of £160 a year, a

* 75117/35 [No. 13]: not printed. † 17793/1/33 [No. 13]: not printed. ‡ Not printed.

figure which will inevitably be increased in the near future if it continues to be necessary to lease premises for the Department. The need for enlarged accommodation for the Lands Department is likely to become increasingly urgent as a result of the recommendation by the Colonial Development Advisory Committee of a grant from the Colonial Development Fund for the purpose of expanding the Lands Department in order to expedite land settlement. Increase £3,400.

(*m*) *Head XXXII.*

The Trans-Jordan Government recommend that a sum of £50 should be provided for the conservation of certain ancient monuments which will otherwise become unduly dilapidated. Increase £50.

13. Mr. MacDonald feels that the existence of a substantial surplus balance justifies the Trans-Jordan Government in taking measures which will directly or indirectly assist in the general improvement of conditions in the country. He therefore supports the proposals set out in paragraphs 10 and 12 and he trusts that their Lordships will agree to the necessary modification being made to the current estimates of expenditure.

14. A statement is enclosed (Enclosure VI) showing all the modifications, proposed in paragraphs 3, 5, 10 and 12 of this letter, to the estimates of expenditure by the Trans-Jordan Administration, as approved by Treasury letters No. S.35961/01/35 of the 14th June* and No. S.35961/01/35 of the 8th August†. Their Lordships will observe that the net increase of expenditure entailed by these proposals is £7,743, of which £461 is recurrent expenditure. This will bring the total expenditure for the current year (exclusive of expenditure in connexion with the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force and the Colonial Development Fund) from £350,530 to £358,273. I am accordingly to request that their Lordships may be moved to approve the estimated expenditure for the year 1935-36 at £358,273 and the estimated revenue at £271,922 (see paragraph 9 above).

15. A statement is attached at Enclosure VII showing the effect of all the proposals in this letter on the estimated surplus balance at the 31st March, 1936. It will be observed that the surplus balance at the 31st March, 1935, is now reported to be £34,170 instead of £32,845. The increase over the figure previously given is mainly due to an item of £1,004 in respect of the Haifa-Baghdad railway survey. This sum is to be adjusted to expenditure as soon as an audited statement of account is received from the Crown Agents for the Colonies, and as this statement was not received, as expected, prior to the closing of the 1934-35 accounts, the balance at the 31st March, 1935, was increased by this amount and an equivalent sum will now be shown as a revote in the expenditure for the current financial year.

16. With regard to the estimated surplus balance shown in the statement at Enclosure VII, attention is invited to paragraph 34 of Treasury letter of the 14th June* and to paragraph 6 of the Acting High Commissioner's despatch of the 17th August‡ Mr. MacDonald agrees with the proposal that the working balance should be reduced provisionally to approximately £2,000, and he trusts that their Lordships will see no objection to this proposal.

I am, &c.,

O. G. R. WILLIAMS.

Enclosure 4 in No. 38.

EFFECT OF PROPOSALS ON APPROVED ESTIMATES OF REVENUE.

Reference to covering letter.	*Head.*	*Approved.* £P	*Increase.* £P	*Decrease.* £P	*Revised Estimate.* £P
Para. 2	VII. MacDonnell Commission ..	1,726	—	1,726	—
Para. 7 (*a*) ..	I. 3. Import Duty Collected Locally	47,400	3,300	—	50,700
Para. 7 (*b*) ..	II. 15. Land Tax	68,100	—	2,528	41,772
Para. 7 (*c*) ..	II. 15. Land Tax	68,100	—	23,800	
Para. 7 (*c*) ..	II. 10, 18, 19 and 20. Various Taxes	6,000	23,800	—	29,800
			27,100	28,054	
	Net reduction	£P954			

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* No. 33. † 77103/35 [No. 25]: not printed. ‡ No. 36.

Enclosure 6 in No. 38.

ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE PROPOSED IN PARAGRAPHS 3, 5, 10 AND 12 OF COVERING LETTER.

Reference to covering letter.	*Head.*	*Approved.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Revised Estimate.*
1. Para. 3 ..	II. 2. Interest on Loans	1,120	280	—	1,400
R. 2. Para. 10 (*a*) ..	IX. 2. Financial Adviser ..	990	93	—	1,083
3. Para. 12 (*a*) ..	XI. 41. Medical Stores, etc. ..	1,000	115	—	1,115
4. Para. 12 (*b*) ..	XI. 43. Anti-Malarial Measures ..	150	50	—	200
5. Paras. 5 and 12 (*c*).	XII. 42. School of Arts and Crafts. Stores Equipment, etc.	700	220	—	920
R. 6. Para. 10 (*b*) ..	XIII. 11 (*a*), 14 (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and 35. Recurrent Expenditure on Teneib Farm.	—	160	—	160
7. Para. 12 (*d*) ..	XIII. 26. Afforestation	125	475	—	600
8. Para. 12 (*e*) ..	XVA. 4. Rents	5,600	169	—	5,769
9. Para. 12 (*f*) ..	XVI. 21. Head-linesmen	342	—	150	192
	XVI. 33. Stores and Equipment ..	2,000	250	—	2,250
R.10. Para. 10 (*c*) ..	XVIII. A3. Second in Command, Arab Legion.	800	150	—	950
	XVIII. A4. Expatriation Allowance	150	—	50	100
R.11. Para. 10 (*d*) ..	XVIII. A13. Chief Accountant ..	312	60	—	372
R.12. Para. 10 (*e*) ..	XVIII. A29. Salary Adjustment ..	654	114	—	768
	XVIII. A46. Desert Allowances ..	204	48		252
R.13. Para. 10 (*f*) ..	XVIII. A55. New Post of Passport Control Officer.	228	36		264
14. Para. 12 (*g*) ..	XIX. 9. Sundries (Pal. Potash litigation).	510	142	—	652
15. Para. 12 (*h*) ..	XXIII. 13*a*. Storm Water Channel	—	200	—	200
16. Para. 12 (*i*) ..	XXIV. 3. Expropriation of Land for Arab Legion.	150	57	—	207
17. Para. 12 (*j*) ..	XXV. 2 and 3. Teneib Farm non-Recurrent Expenditure.	—	1,400	—	1,400
18. Para. 12 (*k*) ..	XXV. 4. Date Palms at Azrak ..	—	474	—	474
19. Para. 12 (*l*) ..	XXXI. H.Q. for Lands Department.	—	3,400	—	3,400
20. Para. 12 (*m*)	XXXII. Conservation of monuments.	—	50	—	50
			7,943	200	

Net increase £7,743
Recurrent £461
Non-recurrent £7,282

Enclosure 7 in No. 38.

EFFECT OF NEW PROPOSALS ON THE ESTIMATED SURPLUS BALANCE AT 31ST MARCH, 1936.

	£	£
Surplus balance at 31st March, 1935		34,170
Less Sums to be applied to C.D.F. Schemes (see para. 4*b* of Encl. II and para. 15 of covering letter)		4,504
		£29,666
Approved Revenue	272,876	
Less Net reduction proposed (see Enclosure IV)	954	
		271,922
Grant-in-Aid		60,000
		361,588
Approved Expenditure	350,530	
Net additional expenditure proposed (see Enclosure VI)	7,743	
		358,273
Surplus balance at 31st March, 1936		£3,315

77103/35 [No. 46].

No. 39.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Sent 7.30 p.m., 29th November, 1935.)

TELEGRAM.

No. 72. Confidential. Your despatch of 17th August confidential*. Your despatch 14th September No. 123†. My telegram of 6th November No. 62‡. Proposed amendments of revenue are approved and figure for local revenue for current year will therefore be £271,922.

2. Of the proposals for additional expenditure submitted to the Treasury the following items have been approved:—Head II Item 2, £P.280; Head IX Item 2, £P.93; Head XI Item 43, £P.50; Head XV A Item 4, £P.169; Head XVI Item 33, £P.250; Head XVIII A Item 3, £P.150; Item 13, £P.60; Item 29, £P.114; Item 46, £P.48; Item 55, £P.36 (provision for four months only now required); Head XIX Item 9, £P.142; Head XXIII Item 13. (*a*), £P.200 (on understanding that small contribution from local community will be further considered); Head XXIV Item 3, £P.57.

3. The following additional expenditure was submitted to Treasury but has not been approved:—Head XI Item 41, £P.115; Head XII Item 42, £P.220 (provision remains at £P.700); Heads XIII and XXV Recurrent and non-recurrent expenditure on experimental farm at Teneib, Head XIII Item 26, £P.475; Head XXV Item 4, £P.474; Head XXXI, £P.3,400; Head XXXII, £P50.

4. Unless additional expenditure on rejected items can be shown to be urgently necessary it will not be possible for Treasury to consider any of them this year even though revenue has increased beyond the estimate. Despatch follows with views of Treasury which I feel unable to contest. If however you can make good case on grounds of urgency for immediate further consideration of any of rejected items you should telegraph at once. Items which appear most likely to come under this category are Head XI Item 41 Laboratory Equipment, and Head XXV Item 4 Azrak Date Palms. Otherwise all items now rejected should be considered for possible inclusion in next year's Estimates.

Approval is also given for the creation of four new posts for Clerks to District Medical Officers for which provision was included in the approved Estimates.

With reference to your despatch of 30th October No. 152§ re-allocations are approved.

Detailed Estimates for 1936-37 should reach me not later than 22nd December.

77103/35 [No. 51].

No. 40.

TREASURY

to

COLONIAL OFFICE.

S. 35861/01/35.

SIR, Treasury Chambers, 5th December, 1935.

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Williams' letter of the 9th November‖, with its enclosures, further relative to the Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Administration for the year 1935-36, and I am to request you to convey to Mr. Secretary Thomas the following reply.

2. The revenue of the current year is now expected to amount to £271,922. The surplus balance, as at 31st March, 1935, after deducting sums to be applied to Colonial Development Fund schemes, was £29,666. If to these amounts be added the grant-in-aid provided for the current year, the total is £361,588. The expenditure so far approved amounts to £349,850, including the repayment of the loan from the Palestine Government (£8,075) and the items of expenditure sanctioned by the Treasury Letter of the 8th August (S.35961/01/35)¶ for which provision was not available in the Estimates. Thus, if the grant-in-aid is issued in full, the estimated balance as at the 31st March, 1936 is £11,738.

* No. 36. † No. 37. ‡ 77103/35 [No. 31]: not printed. § 77103/35 [No. 35]: not printed.
‖ No. 38. ¶ 77103/35 [No. 25]: not printed.

3. It is stated in the letter under reply that the Trans-Jordan Government have had under consideration the disposal of the balance available on the 31st March, 1935. The view appears to be held that if the revenue for any given year, together with the full amount of the grant-in-aid voted and any balance remaining from the previous year, exceeds the expenditure included in the approved Estimates, the balance may be regarded as available for further expenditure. My Lords could not accept this point of view. They are always prepared to consider proposals for the revote of provision for services approved during the previous year but not completed, or for unavoidable or urgently necessary expenditure. Apart from such expenditure, however, They consider that, where the grant-in-aid provided, the amount of which has to be determined before the Estimates of the territory can be fully examined, proves to be more than sufficient to enable the territory to meet the expenditure included in the approved Estimates, either the grant-in-aid should be short issued or, if it is issued in full the resulting balance should be carried forward and taken into account in determining the grant-in-aid to be provided in the following year. The question of initiating new services or expanding existing services should, except in cases of urgency, be considered in connexion with the annual Estimates of the territory and its needs for the following year, when the whole financial position can be reviewed.

4. It is now proposed to approve additions to the approved estimate of expenditure amounting in all to £7,943, against which may be set minor reductions amounting to £200, the net increase proposed being £7,743. Of these additions My Lords sanction the following, which appear to be unavoidable:—

Head.			£
II	2	Interest on loan	280
IX	2	Financial Adviser	93
XV	A.4	Rent	169
XVIII	A.3	Salary of Second in Command, Arab Legion	150
XVIII	A.13	Salary of Accountant	60
XVIII	A.29 and 46	Salary and Allowance Adjustments ...	162
XIX	9	Expenses of litigation	142
XXIV		Expropriation	57
			1,113

5. Of the remaining items, the inoculation of settlers at Azrak (Head XI, 43, £50) and the repair of the storm-water channel at Ajlun (Head XXIII, 13*a*, £200) appear to be urgently necessary in the interests of health, while the cost of the new Passport Control Officer at the Allenby Bridge (Head XVIII A.55, £36) will be covered by additional fees collected. My Lords accordingly sanction these items. As regards the storm-water channel at Ajlun, They note that the cost would appropriately fall on municipal funds, but that the municipality is too small to meet the cost. My Lords think that some contribution from the local community may reasonably be expected, even if only a small one, and They sanction this item on the understanding that the question of a local contribution will be further considered.

6. As regards the proposed expenditure on the telephone exchange at Amman, My Lords understand that it is now considered necessary to recondition without delay the distribution system of the subscribers' lines. This work will cost £750, of which £500 can be found from savings, so that the increase in the approved provision involved is £250. My Lords sanction this expenditure.

7. The remaining items do not appear to Their Lordships to be of such urgency as to necessitate their consideration in advance of the Trans-Jordan Estimates for 1936-7, when the financial position of the territory and its coming needs can be reviewed as a whole. As regards the proposed construction of offices for the Lands Department, the grant recommended by the Colonial Development Advisory Committee would enable the partitioning of land held on a communal basis to be completed in six years, after which period the size of the Department will presumably be reduced. My Lords would wish to be assured that it is not proposed to provide permanent accommodation greater than will be required when the partitioning of land now communally held has been completed.

8. My Lords agree to the creation of four new posts for Clerks to District Medical Officers, for which provision of £288 was included in the approved Estimates. As these officers cannot now serve for more than four months of the current year, the approved provision can presumably be reduced by £192.

9. My Lords accordingly approve the estimated expenditure for the year 1935-6 at £351,107 and the estimated revenue at £271,922. They agree that the working balance required by Trans-Jordan should be provisionally reduced to £2,000.

I am, &c.,

R. V. NIND HOPKINS.

77103/35 [No. 53]. No. 41.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

[*Answered by No. 77103/35 [No. 63]: not printed.*]

(Confidential 2.)

SIR, Downing Street, 19th December, 1935.

I have the honour to refer to my telegram No. 72 of the 29th November* regarding certain proposals for amending the estimates of revenue and expenditure of the Trans-Jordan Administration for the year 1935/36.

2. As stated in my telegram under reference the proposed modifications of revenue are approved and the estimate of local revenue for the current year will, therefore, be £271,922.

3. The items of additional expenditure which have been approved were set out in paragraph 2 of my telegram under reference and amount in all to £1,649. Against this may be set (*a*) minor reductions on Head XVI item 21 and Head XVIII A item 4, amounting to £200 and (*b*) £192 to be saved during the current year on the provision under Head XI for the creation of four new posts for clerks to the District Medical Officers, making a net addition to expenditure of £1,257. This sum added to the expenditure of £349,850 already approved in my predecessor's despatches confidential of the 28th June†, confidential of the 9th August‡ and confidential 2 of the 9th August§, bring the total expenditure approved for 1935/36 (exclusive of expenditure in respect of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force and grants from the Colonial Development Fund) to £351,107.

4. In conveying approval for the items of expenditure referred to in the preceding paragraph the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have commented as follows. "The view appears to be held that if the revenue for any given year, together with the full amount of the grant-in-aid voted and any balance remaining from the previous year, exceeds the expenditure included in the approved Estimates, the balance may be regarded as available for further expenditure. My Lords could not accept this point of view. They are always prepared to consider proposals for the revote of provision for services approved during the previous year but not completed, or for unavoidable or urgently necessary expenditure. Apart from such expenditure, however, they consider that where the grant-in-aid provided, the amount of which has to be determined before the Estimates of the territory can be fully examined, proves to be more than sufficient to enable the territory to meet the expenditure included in the approved estimates, either the grant-in-aid should be short issued or, if it is issued in full, the resulting balance should be carried forward and taken into account in determining the grant-in-aid to be provided during the following year. The question of initiating new services or expanding existing services should, except in cases of urgency, be considered in connexion with the annual Estimates of the territory and its needs for the following year, when the whole financial position can be reviewed." As stated in my telegram under reference, I have felt unable to contest this view.

5. Their Lordships have also observed that the remaining items of proposed expenditure which they had felt unable to approve, did not appear to them to be of such urgency as to necessitate their consideration in advance of the Trans-Jordan Estimates for 1936/37, when the financial position of the territory and its coming needs could be reviewed as a whole. I have, however, asked you to communicate with me if you can make a good case for immediate further consideration of any of those items. As regards the proposed construction of a new headquarters for the Lands Department, the Treasury have called attention to the fact that the grant sanctioned from the Colonial

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* No. 39. † No. 35. ‡ 77103/35 [No. 26]: not printed. § 77103/35 [No. 27]: not printed.

Development Fund to provide additional survey parties will enable the partitioning of land held on a communal basis to be completed in six years, after which period, they presume, the size of the Department will be reduced. In connexion with any proposed expenditure on this service the Treasury wish to be assured that it is not proposed to provide permanent accommodation greater than will be required when the partitioning of land now communally held has been completed. If this aspect of the matter has not already been dealt with in connexion with the provision for this service in the estimates of expenditure for the coming year, I shall be grateful if I may be furnished with your observations thereon at an early date.

6. Their Lordships have agreed that the working balance required by Trans-Jordan should be provisionally reduced to £2,000.

I have, &c.,
J. H. THOMAS.

77103/35 [No. 68].

No. 42.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
to
THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 6th April, 1936.)

[*Answered by No. 43.*]

(Confidential (A).)

High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan, Jerusalem,
25th March, 1936.

SIR,

I have the honour to refer to your despatch confidential (2) of the 19th December, 1935*, regarding certain proposals for amending the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the Trans-Jordan Administration for the year 1935-36, and to enclose herein a translation of the Budget Law, 1935-36, which was passed by the Legislative Council on the 9th January, 1936.

2. The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure provided for in this Law are as follows:

	£P.
Revenue:	
Local	271,922
Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan	60,000
Grant-in-Aid of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force ...	33,271
Grants from the Colonial Development Fund ...	10,380
	375,573
Expenditure:	
Expenditure of the Trans-Jordan Government ...	352,233
Expenditure of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force ...	33,271
Expenditure from Colonial Development Fund Grants	15,034
	400,538

3. Of these figures those relating to Local Revenue and the grant-in-aid of the Trans-Jordan Government have already received your approval (*vide* paragraph 2 of your confidential despatch under reference and paragraph 3 of your predecessor's confidential despatch of the 28th June, 1935†).

The grant-in-aid of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force is equal to the total expenditure provided for in respect of the Force under Heads XXII and XXIX, and therefore does not require comment.

The total of grants from the Colonial Development Fund is £P.4,654 less than the expenditure provided for in respect of schemes financed by that Fund. This deficiency is to be met from the excess in previous years of the provision available under the various grants over the amount actually expended.

4. It will be observed that the expenditure of the Trans-Jordan Government as approved by the Legislature (£P.352,233) is greater by £P.1,126 than the figure approved

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* No. 41. † No. 35.

by you in your despatch under reference. This excess has been caused by the following increases and decreases:—

		£P.
(*a*) Head	I, Item 1	39
(*b*) Head	VII, Item 5	14
(*c*) Head	XI, Item 27(*a*)	48
(*d*) Head	XV-A, Item 7	1,000
(*e*) Head	XX, Item 24	11
(*f*) Head	XXXIII, Item 1	150
		1,262
Less (*g*) Head	XVIII-A, Item 73	75
(*h*) Head	XXIII, Item 14	1
	Item 17	34
	Item 18(*a*)	25
(*i*) Sundry		1
		136
		1,126

5. The increases under (*d*) (in respect of repairs to the Trans-Jordan Section of the Amman-Jerusalem road) and (*f*) (in respect of relief of members of the Howeitat tribe) have already been authorized in your despatches No. 211 of the 19th December, 1935*, and No. 17 of the 24th January, 1936†.

The increases under (*a*) and (*b*) provide for an increase of salary to the maxima of their respective grades of the Amir Jamil and Rashid Hassan. These increases affect the emoluments of personnel and should therefore have received your prior sanction under paragraph 11(*a*) of the instructions to the High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan. (See Mr. Moody's letter No. T/351/34 of the 12th March to Mr. Blaxter‡).

The increase under (*c*) represents the difference between the amount of six months emoluments provided in the second draft of the Estimates for the four new posts of clerks to Medical Officers (£P.144), and the figure finally approved by you in your despatch under reference (£P.96). Your approval of this change in the Estimates was not received in time to make the necessary alteration in the Budget Law. The British Resident, however, informs me that the amount actually expended during the current year in respect of salaries to these officers will be not greater than the amount finally approved by you.

The increase under (*e*) represents the difference between the amount originally provided for in respect of Trans-Jordan's share of the total cost of the Home Establishment of the Colonial Audit Department, and the amount estimated in Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister's (now Lord Swinton's) Circular despatch of the 9th March, 1935, to be payable by Trans-Jordan.

The reduction under (*g*) was occasioned by the regrading of the Officer Commanding the Desert Area of the Arab Legion.

The reduction under (*h*) was in respect of certain revotes. Both this and the former reduction were included in the schedule of proposed changes in the Estimates submitted under cover of Mr. Hall's despatch No. 123 of the 14th September, 1935§, but were not mentioned among the minor reductions referred to in the third paragraph of your despatch under reference.

Various increases and decreases in the provision for payment of compensatory allowances, occasioned principally by changes in staff, produce the reduction under (*i*).

6. I shall be grateful if you will specifically approve the changes referred to under headings: (*a*), (*b*), (*c*), (*e*), (*g*), (*h*) and (*i*).

7. I enclose herein comprehensive statements of changes effected in the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure in respect of the current financial year, from the date at which the original draft Estimates were submitted, under cover of my despatch No. 186 of the 6th December‖, until the date of enactment of the Budget Law. I also enclose revised abstracts of Revenue and Expenditure and a revised summary showing the surplus brought forward from 1934-35 and the estimated surplus at the 31st March, 1936, on the basis of those revised Estimates as approved by the Legislative Council.

I have, &c.,
ARTHUR WAUCHOPE,
High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan.

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* 77103/35 [No. 54]: not printed. † 77034/35 [No. 13]: not printed.
‡ 77097/35 [No. 7]: not printed. § No. 37. ‖ No. 28.

Enclosure 1 in No. 42.

GENERAL BUDGET LAW FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1935/36.

Published in Gazette No. 513 of the 25th of January, 1936.

1. This Law shall be called the General Budget Law for the financial year 1935/36. It shall come into force from the beginning of the year in question.

2. A sum not exceeding £P.400,538 shall be appropriated to the expenses of the Government in respect to the twelve months ending on the 31st of March, 1936, in accordance with Schedule No. 1 annexed hereto.

3. No sum may be transferred from one Head to another except by law.

4. The revenue for the twelve months ending the 31st of March, 1936, is estimated at a sum of £P.375,573 as set forth in Schedule 2 annexed hereto.

5. The deficit amounting to £P.24,965 shall be covered by the surplus brought forward to the financial year, 1935/36 amounting to £P.34,170.

6. The Special Budget Ordinances Nos. 1–4 for the financial year 1935/36 are repealed.

Dated 21st Shawal, 1354/15th January, 1936.

ABDULLAH.
(Sgd.) IBRAHIM,
Chief Minister.

SCHEDULE 1.

EXPENDITURES.	£P.
1. Civil List	15,380
2. Public Debts and Interest on Loans	2,383
3. Legislative Council	3,820
4. Pension and Gratuities	9,000
5. Chief Minister's Office and Interior	4,113
6. District Administration	10,075
7. Ministry of Justice	16,792
8. Sharia Courts	3,976
9. Ministry of Finance	11,433
10. Customs and Excise	8,467
11. Public Health Department	14,209
12. Education Department	25,123
13. Department of Agriculture, Forests, Mines and Veterinary Services	8,048
14. Antiquities Department	2,810
15. Public Works Department	4,724
15A. Public Works Recurrent	23,231
16. Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones	13,112
17. Lands Department	16,331
18A. Police	103,777
18B. Prisons	13,545
19. Sundry Expenditure	10,017
20. Audit Department	3,722
21. Beduoin Control Board	1,112
22. Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	29,654
23. Public Works Extraordinary	11,571
24. Police and Prisons Extraordinary	2,607
25. Agriculture (Extraordinary)	600
26. Public Health Department (Extraordinary)	530
27. Ministry of Finance (Extraordinary)	8,675
28. Posts and Telegraphs (Extraordinary)	900
29. Trans-Jordan Frontier Force (Extraordinary)	3,617
30. Colonial Development Fund Grants	15,034
31. Lands Department Extraordinary	—
32. Antiquities Department (Extraordinary)	—
33. Public Relief Measures	150
	400,538

SCHEDULE 2.

REVENUE.	£P.
1. Customs and Excise	83,350
2. Licences and Taxes, etc.	123,572
3. Court Fees and Other Departments, etc.	31,200
4. Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones	13,380
5. State Lands Revenue	4,800
6. Interests	1,180
7. Sundry Revenues	12,940
8. Sale of Government Lands	1,500
9. Grant-in-Aid from the British Treasury	60,000
10. Grant-in-aid Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	33,271
11. Colonial Development Fund Grants	10,380
Total	375,573

Enclosure 2 in No. 42.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES EFFECTED IN THE 1935/36 ESTIMATES OF REVENUE.

Head and Sub-head of Revenue.	*Original Estimates.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Estimates as passed by the Legislature.*	
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
HEAD I.—CUSTOMS AND EXCISE :—					
3. Import Duty collected locally	47,400	3,300	—	50,700	
HEAD II.—LICENSES AND TAXES :—					
10. House and Land Tax	4,400	4,900	—	9,300	
18. Road Tax	100	2,200	—	2,300	
19. Tithes	1,000	13,200	—	14,200	
20. Consolidate Tax	500	3,500	—	4,000	
15. Land Tax	72,000	—	29,228	41,772	
11. Stamp Duty	6,000	400	—	6,400	
14. Income Tax	5,500	—	300	5,200	
HEAD VII. — MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE :—					
2. Share of Profits of the Palestine Currency.	6,100	3,900	—	10,000	
–. Payment in respect of the MacDonnell Arbitration.	—	1,726	1,726	—	
HEAD XI.—GRANT FROM THE COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND :—					
1. Es-Salt—Allenby Bridge Road	8,500	—	3,500	5,000	
3. Haifa Bagdad Railway Survey	—	660	—	660	
4. Sinking Artesian Bores in the Desert.	—	1,750	—	1,750	
5. Seed Propagation	—	1,020	—	1,020	
6. Land Settlement Acceleration Scheme.	—	1,000	—	1,000	
	151,500	37,556	34,754	153,302	NET INCREASE £P.2,808

Statement of the changes in the 1935/36 Estimates of Expenditure.

Head and Sub-head of Expenditure.	*Original Estimates.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Estimates as passed by the Legislature.*
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.
Head I.—Civil List :—				
1 (*a*). H.H. the Amir Abdalla }	12,000	—	—	—
1 (*b*). H.H. the Amir Talal }	1,320	680	500	13,500
3. Secretary £P.32-1-37	390	39	—	429
Head II.—Public Debt and Charges :—				
2. Interest on the loans from the Palestine Government.	1,440	280	320	1,400
Head III.—Legislature :—				
6 (*a*). Compensatory Allowances..	—	4	—	4
Head IV.—Pensions and Gratuities :—				
2. Gratuities	2,200	700	—	2,900
Head V.—District Administration :—				
7. Compensatory Allowance ..	31	—	4	27
Head VII.—Ministry of Justice :—				
5. Clerk, £P.9-½-12	124	14	—	138
14. Compensatory Allowances ..	8	—	5	3
29. Compensatory Allowances ..	37	—	19	18
36. Compensatory Allowances ..	16	—	3	13
Head VIII.—Sharia Courts :—				
12. Compensatory Allowances ..	44	3	—	47
Head IX.—Ministry of Finance :—				
2. Financial Adviser £P.800-25-1,000-100	990	93	—	1,083
17. Compensatory Allowances ..	36	—	1	35
24. Allowance to Registrar of Trade Marks.	50	—	50	—
Head X.—Customs and Excise :—				
10. Compensatory Allowances ..	37	—	24	13
Head XI.—Public Health Department :—				
27. Clerk to M.O. Amman £P.6-½-8	96	—	96	—
27 (*a*). 5 Clerks to M.Os., the new posts being from 1.10.35, £P.6-½-8.	—	384	144	240
33. Compensatory Allowances ..	26	49	—	75
40. Treatment of Government patients in private hospitals.	200	400	—	600
43. Anti-malarial measures ..	100	150	—	250
47 Dieting Staff and Patients ..	450	150	—	600
Head XII.—Education :—				
8. Compensatory Allowances ..	27	—	3	24
19. Compensatory Allowances ..	89	5	—	94
25. Compensatory Allowance ..	—	10	—	10
42. Stores and Equipment (School of Arts and Crafts).	600	278	—	878
43. Cost of Training 2 Teachers and 9 Pupils in the Kadouri Agricultural School.	726	—	61	665
44. Training School Fees	588	—	18	570
Total Carried Forward ..	21,625	3,239	1,248	23,616

Head and Sub-head of Expenditure.	*Original Estimates.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Estimates as passed by the Legislature.*
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.
Brought Forward ..	21,625	3,239	1,248	23,166
Head XVa.—Public Works Recurrent :—				
4. Rents	5,600	169	—	5,769
5. Furniture for Government Offices.	250	150	25	375
6. Furniture for Government School.	550	—	25	525
7. Maintenance of Roads ..	9,100	4,262	—	13,362
Head XVI.—Posts and Telegraphs Department :—				
21. 4 Headlinesmen, £P.6-½-8 ..	342	—	342	—
21. 2 Headlinesmen, £P.6-½-8 ..	—	192	—	192
27. Compensatory Allowances ..	43	—	2	41
33. Stores and Equipment	2,000	250	—	2,250
Head XVII.—Lands Department:—				
25. Compensatory Allowances ..	30	—	7	23
Head XVIIIa.—Police :—				
3. Second in Command, £P.800×25-1,000 plus 100.	800	150	—	950
4. Expatriation Allowance ..	150	—	50	100
13. Chief Accountant	312	60	—	372
29. 4 ½ Mulazim Thani, £P.13-½-16	654	114	—	768
46. Desert Allowances	204	48	—	252
55. 2 Clerks, £P.9-½-12	228	—	228	—
55 (*a*). 3 Clerks, the new posts being from 1.22.35, £P.9-½-12.	—	264	—	264
70. Pension Contribution	335	50	—	385
73. Cost of Living Allowances ..	141	—	75	66
Head XIX.—Miscellaneous :—				
7. Pension Contribution	600	845	—	1,445
9. Sundries	510	142	—	652
Head XX.—Audit Department :—				
8. Compensatory Allowances ..	4	—	4	—
14. Share of Expenses of the Colonial Audit Department.	59	11	—	70
Head XXIII.—Public Works Extraordinary :—				
8 (*a*). Repairs to the Governorate at Es-Salt.	—	1,400	—	1,400
12. Sinking Artesian Bores in the Desert.	—	1,200	—	1,200
13. Well Sinking by Hand ..	—	312	—	312
13 (*a*). Reconditioning of the Ain Jenne Storm Water Channel in Jebel Ajloun.	—	200	—	200
14. Construction of Stables at Katrani.	—	147	1	146
15. Jisr Majamie Customs Water Supply.	—	93	—	93
16. Construction of Barracks at Irbid.	—	104	—	104
17. Kerak-Tafileh Road	—	900	34	866
18. Weir at Bagoora	—	50	—	50
18 (*a*). Furniture for H.H.'s Office..	—	25	25	—
Total Carried Forward ..	43,537	14,377	2,066	55,848

Head and Sub-head of Expenditure.	*Original Estimates.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Estimates as passed by the Legislature.*	
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
BROUGHT FORWARD ..	43,537	14,377	2,066	55,848	
HEAD XXIV.—POLICE AND PRISONS EXTRAORDINARY :—					
3 per cent. Expropriation of Land	150	57	—	207	
HEAD XXV.—AGRICULTURE AND FORESTS EXTRAORDINARY :—					
1. Expropriation of Land.. ..	300	300	—	600	
HEAD XXVII.—MINISTRY OF FINANCE :—					
2. Printing of Laws	—	250	—	250	
3. Remission of Seed Loans ..	—	8,075	—	8,075	
HEAD XXVIII.—POSTS AND TELEGRAPH EXTRAORDINARY :—					
2. Construction of The Sukhneh—Zerka Telephone line.	—	200	—	200	
HEAD XXX.—EXPENDITURE OUT OF GRANT FROM COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND :—					
3. Haifa-Bagdad Railway Survey	—	1,664	—	1,664	
4. Sinking Artesian Bores in the Desert.	—	1,750	—	1,750	
5. Seed Propagation	—	1,020	—	1,020	
6. Land Settlement	—	1,000	—	1,000	
HEAD XXXIII.—RELIEF MEASURES :—					
1. Seed granted for the Huwaitat	—	150	—	150	
	£P.43,987	28,843	2,066	70,764	NET INCREASE, £P.26,777

Enclosure 3 in No. 42.

TRANS-JORDAN ESTIMATES 1935/36.

Revised Abstract showing the Actual Revenue for 1933/34 and the Estimated Revenue for 1934/35 and 1935/36.

Head of Revenue.	*Actual Revenue 1933/34*	*Approved Estimates 1934/35*	*Draft Estimates 1935/36*	*Revised Estimates 1935/36*
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.
1. Customs and Excise	103,530	80,000	80,050	83,350
2. License and Taxes, etc.	101,612	130,000	129,900	123,572
3. Fees of Court or Office, etc. ..	30,219	31,250	31,200	31,200
4. Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones	12,622	13,355	13,380	13,380
5. Revenue from Government Property	2,972	4,000	4,800	4,800
6. Interest	609	1,470	1,180	1,180
7. Miscellaneous Receipts	8,906	9,514	9,040	12,940
8. Sale of State Domains	1,037	1,000	1,500	1,500
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE ..	261,507	270,589	271,050	271,922
9. Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Government.	65,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
10. Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Frontier Force.	30,899	34,825	33,271	33,271
11. Grants from Colonial Development Fund.	24,006	5,800	9,450	10,380
TOTAL REVENUE ..	381,412	371,214	373,771	£P.375,573

TRANS-JORDAN ESTIMATES 1935/36.

Revised Abstract showing the Actual Expenditure for 1933/34 and the Estimated Expenditure for 1934/35 and 1935/36.

Head of Expenditure.	*Actual Expenditure 1933/34.*	*Approved Estimates 1934/35.*	*Draft Estimates 1935/36.*	*Revised Estimates 1935/36.*
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.
1. Civil List	14,560	14,582	15,161	15,380
2. Public Debt and Loan Charges ..	1,775	1,664	2,423	2,383
3. Legislature	3,733	4,081	3,816	3,820
4. Pensions and Gratuities ..	7,154	7,700	8,300	9,000
5. Chief Minister and Interior ..	3,944	4,028	4,113	4,113
6. District Administration	10,001	10,338	10,079	10,075
7. Ministry of Justice	16,238	16,352	16,805	16,792
8. Sharia Courts	3,876	3,962	3,973	3,976
9. Ministry of Finance	11,420	11,369	11,391	11,433
10. Customs and Excise	7,831	8,098	8,491	8,467
11. Public Health Department ..	12,118	13,090	13,316	14,209
12. Education Department	23,028	24,378	24,912	25,123
13. Agriculture, Forests and Veterinary	5,861	7,589	8,048	8,048
14. Antiquities Department	2,642	2,718	2,810	2,810
15. Public Works Department ..	4,544	4,628	4,674	4,724
15A. Public Works Recurrent ..	17,977	18,500	18,750	23,231
16. Posts and Telegraphs Department	12,637	14,481	15,014	15,112
17. Lands Department	12,668	15,718	16,338	16,331
18. Police and Prisons				
(*a*) Police	99,639	102,730	103,444	103,777
(*b*) Prisons	11,930	13,154	13,545	13,545
19. Miscellaneous	8,529	9,900	9,030	10,017
20. Audit Department	3,385	3,635	3,715	3,722
21. Tribal Control Board	1,091	1,106	1,112	1,112
British Resident	6,616	—	—	—
TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENDITURE TRANS-JORDAN GOVERNMENT.	303,197	313,801	319,260	327,200
22. Trans-Jordan Frontier Force (one-sixth of Ordinary Expenditure).	28,720	29,387	29,654	29,654
TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENDITURE	331,917	343,188	348,914	356,854
EXTRAORDINARY				
23. Public Works Extraordinary ..	9,590	8,915	7,200	11,571
24. Police and Prisons Extraordinary	2,934	3,150	2,550	2,607
25. Agriculture Extraordinary ..	214	590	300	600
26. Public Health Extraordinary ..	—	275	530	530
27. Ministry of Finance Extraordinary	236	500	350	8,675
28. Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary.	1,692	500	700	900
Write off of Public Moneys ..	864	—	—	—
His Highness the Amir (Extraordinary).	—	3,000	—	—
Relief Measures	—	15,000	—	150
Printing Extraordinary	357	—	—	—
Boundary Commission	964	—	—	—
TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE TRANS-JORDAN GOVERNMENT.	16,851	31,930	11,630	25,033
29. Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Extraordinary.	2,179	5,438	3,617	3,617
30. Expenditure out of Colonial Development Fund Grants.	23,822	5,984	9,600	15,034
TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE.	42,852	43,352	24,847	43,684
TOTAL EXPENDITURE ..	374,769	386,540	373,761	400,538

Enclosure 4 in No. 42.

SUMMARY OF THE REVISED ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF THE TRANS-JORDAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE YEAR 1935/36, SHOWING ALSO THE SURPLUS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 1934/35 AND THE ESTIMATED SURPLUS AT THE 31ST MARCH, 1936.

	£P.	£P.
Surplus at the 1st April, 1935	—	34,170
Revised Estimated Revenue for 1935/36 :—		
Local	271,922	
Grant-in-Aid for Trans-Jordan	60,000	
Grant-in-Aid for the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	33,271	
Grants from the Colonial Development Fund	10,380	375,573
		409,743
Revised Estimated Expenditure for 1935/36 :—		
Ordinary Expenditure of the Trans-Jordan Government ..	327,200	
Ordinary Expenditure of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force ..	29,654	
Extraordinary Expenditure of the Trans-Jordan Government	25,033	
Extraordinary Expenditure of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force.	3,617	
Expenditure out of Colonial Development Fund Grants ..	15,034	
		400,538
ESTIMATED SURPLUS AT THE 31ST MARCH, 1936 ..		£P. 9,205

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TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

to

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Confidential.)

SIR, Downing Street, 8th September, 1936.

I have the honour to refer to your confidential " A " despatch of the 25th March* reporting the changes which have been introduced by the Legislative Council into the Trans-Jordan Budget Law, 1935-36 as compared with the approved Estimates and to inform you that, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, I approve the changes referred to in paragraph 6 of the despatch.

2. I observe from Enclosure II to the despatch that provision is made under Head XXVII, item 5, for the remission of £P.8,075 in respect of seed loans, and in this connexion I would invite attention to Mr. Blaxter's letter to Mr. Moody of the 21st March† and Mr. Thomas's telegram No. 20 of the 27th March‡, from which it will be seen that approval has not yet been given to the remission of these loans.

I have, &c.,

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